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SUBJECT: Miburn (for period 9/15 - 30/64)

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740PMCST ~~URGENT~~ 9-16-64 TCM

TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/ 3P

Office of Origin  
MIBURN. ~~00~~, JACKSON.

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPT. SIXTEEN INSTANT.

RE JACKSON, ~~TEL~~ DATED SEPT. FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS  
AT PHILADELPHIA AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

REPORTED IN BAD FINANCIAL CONDITION.

██████████ WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED IN THIS CASE  
AND WHO DEMANDED ALL FUTURE CONTACTS WITH BUREAU PERSONNEL BE  
TERMINATED, WAS RECONTACTED AT HIS REQUEST ██████████

THE FACT THAT HE PERSONALLY IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS  
OF THE MIBURN CASE. HE DID ADVISE HE BELIEVES RAINEY, PRICE, 1

HOP BARNETT, [REDACTED] TO BE RESPONSIBLE. HE STATED  
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THAT HE HAS OBSERVED THEM CLOSELY DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS [REDACTED]

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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THE DODGE TRUCK PRESENTLY BEING DRIVEN BY CECIL PRICE, WHICH HAS A WIRE CAGE WELDED ONTO IT, WAS PURCHASED BY RAINEY AT THE NICHOLS DODGE DEALERSHIP IN PHILADELPHIA.

KKK ACTIVITY, MERIDIAN, MISS.

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REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES, NESHOPA COUNTY, SEPT. FOURTEEN LAST.

COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS  
FURTHER INTERVIEW OF (COFO) WORKERS AND NEGRO APPLICATIONS  
VERIFIES INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED IN SUMMARY SEPT. FIFTEEN  
LAST. THREE APPLICANTS REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED.

SHERIFF RAINEY ADVISES HE HAS ARRESTED AND RELEASED ON BOND  
THE WHITE MALE WHO STRUCK <sup>Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee</sup> ~~SNCC~~ PHOTOGRAPHER [REDACTED] HOWEVER,  
[REDACTED] MUST SIGN ASSAULT COMPLAINT AGAINST THIS INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE  
DECLINED TO IDENTIFY. b7C

COFO, PHILADELPHIA, MISS., ADVISES FOUR OF THE ATTEMPTED  
REGISTRANTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY LOCAL CONSTRUCTION FIRM WERE  
DISMISSED FROM THEIR EMPLOYMENT THE DAY FOLLOWING THEIR ATTEMPT TO  
REGISTER. INQUIRIES IN THIS REGARD WILL BE MADE.

ALL MATTERS NOT RESOLVED IN THIS COMMUNICATION WILL BE FOLLOWED  
TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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FROM JACKSON /44-1/

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SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN INSTANT.

REJACKSON TEL SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN LAST CONCERNING  
DEVELOPMENTS AT PHILADELPHIA AND MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI.

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION, NEGRO VOTERS,  
NESHOMA COUNTY, SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN LAST, REVEALS NO ATTEMPTS MADE TO  
DISQUALIFY REGISTRANTS.

TWELVE OF THE PERSONS ATTEMPTING TO REGISTER AND TWO COFO  
WORKERS PRESENT AT VOTER REGISTRATION ATTEMPT SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN LAST  
INTERVIEWED. THEY STATE AN UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE JUMPED FROM THE  
GROUP AND STRUCK SNCC WORKER CARRYING CAMERA WITH BLACKJACK.

ASSAILANT RESTRAINED BY AUXILIARY POLICE AND CAMERAS TAKEN FROM SNCC  
WORKER BY LOCAL RESIDENT IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COFO WORKER [REDACTED] ORDERED BY SHERIFF TO LEAVE LINE  
OF POTENTIAL REGISTRANTS, ALONG WITH OTHER NON RESIDENTS OF NESHOMA  
COUNTY. all b7C

WITNESSES STATE IN MINUTE OR TWO [REDACTED] WAS TAKEN FROM  
THE LINE BY SHERIFF RAINEY AND DEPUTY PRICE AND PLACED UNDER ARREST.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HE WAS STANDING ALONGSIDE LINE AND A MAN,  
UNIDENTIFIED,, ASKED HIM IF HE WAS FROM THE COUNTY. [REDACTED]

REPLIED "NO, I/M A COFO WORKER," END QUOTE, WHEREUPON MAN TOLD  
HIM TO GET INTO TRUCK AND TOOK HIS ARM. [REDACTED] DOES NOT

RECALL WHETHER HE WAS ESCORTED OR WENT ALONE. [REDACTED] HAS NO  
COMPLAINT OF MISTREATMENT AND WAS RELEASED EVENING OF SEPTEMBER

FOURTEEN LAST UNDER FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND PUT UP BY COFO.

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COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS

Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee

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Received by [REDACTED]  
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ONE POTENTIAL REGISTRANT ADVISED SHE COULD NOT READ APPLICATION AS SHE FORGOT HER GLASSES AND THE CLERK TOLD HER SHE WOULD PUT HER APPLICATION ASIDE AND ANY TIME SHE WAS DOWNTOWN SHE COULD COME BACK AND COMPLETE APPLICATION. MOST REGISTRANTS WERE TOLD TO RETURN OCTOBER EIGHT, NEXT AND NONE COMPLAINED OF MISTREATMENT.

REPORT OF EFFORT TO SECURE RELEASE OF COFO WORKER [REDACTED] BY UNIDENTIFIED PERSON WHILE INCARCERATED AT NESHOPA COUNTY JAIL. b7C

[REDACTED] NEGRO , WHO ATTEMPTED TO REGISTER AS A VOTER, BUT DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE OF TWO HIGHER FELONY CONVICTIONS WHILE IN JAIL ON FALSE PRETENSE CHARGES INVOLVING THE UTTERANCE OF A CHECK, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OVERHEARD UNIDENTIFIED MALE WHO WAS BEYOND HIS LINE OF VISION ASK MINNIE POSEY HERRING, THE JAILERS WIFE, WHETHER ~~QUOTE~~ "THE RED HEADED NIGGER COULD BE RELEASED AT ELEVEN OCLOCK" ~~END-QUOTE~~. IN REPLY, MRS. HERRING INFORMED HIM THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. QUESTIONER THEN REPLIED ~~QUOTE~~ "IT DOESNT MATTER, WE/LL GET HIM ANYWAY." ~~END-QUOTE~~. b7C b7D

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] "IF YOU  
WANT TO GET ANY OF THESE NIGGERS OUT OF JAIL, YOU WILL HAVE TO DO IT  
BEFORE DARK BECAUSE WE HAVE A RULE NOW , WE DONT LET ANY OF THEM  
OUT AFTER DARK UNLESS THEIR PEOPLE COME AFTER THEM" ~~END QUOTE~~. b7C, b7D  
PREPERATIONS FOR GRAND JURY.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ROBERT OWEN ADVISED SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN  
INSTANT THAT SUBPOENAS FOR THE WITNESSES SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE  
GRAND JURY IN BILOXI ON OR FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE NEXT WOULD  
BE ISSUED SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN NEXT. SUBPOENAS OF WHITE PERSONS WILL  
BE SERVED BY MARSHALS. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS WILL SERVE OTHERS  
WHEREVER ABLE TO. IN THE CASES OF THOSE NEGROES WHOM THE ATTORNEYS ARE  
UNABLE TO CONTACT, IT IS BELIEVED DESIRABLE THAT SUBPOENAS BE  
SERVED BY BUAGENTS. THIS MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE BUREAU  
TELEPHONICALLY SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN NEXT. AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO  
MEANS OF EVALUATING THE NEED FOR USE OF AGENTS.

REFUSAL OF [REDACTED] TO TALK TO  
BUAGENTS THIS DATE. b7C

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS VERY HOSTILE FROM THE  
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OUTSET WITHOUT PROVOCATION. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THEY DO  
NOT WANT FBI AGENTS TO COME TO THEIR HOME AND WILL BOTH FLATLY REFUSE  
TO TALK TO BUAGENTS ABOUT ANYTHING. b7C

IT IS NOTED THAT REPEATED EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO CONTACT  
[REDACTED] REGARDING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITIES OF KLAN TYPE  
ORGANIZATIONS IN PHILADELPHIA AREA, ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY HAVE OF PERSONS  
INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF THE THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS. INTEREST  
[REDACTED] WAS BASED ON HIS KNOWN ACTIVITIES ALONG LINES PURSUED BY  
KLAN TYPE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA. b7C

KKK ACTIVITY, MERIDIAN AND PHILADELPHIA, MISS.  
[REDACTED]  
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ALL MATTERS NOT RESOLVED IN THIS COMMUNICATION WILL BE  
FOLLOWED TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION. *PENDING*

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To: SAC, Jackson (44-1)

From: Director, FBI (44-25706)

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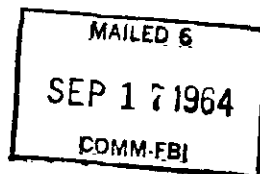
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Enclosed is the original and two copies of each photograph furnished Bureau as enclosure to relet. The negative of each photograph is being retained at the Bureau to assist in enlarging any photographs desired by you or Departmental attorneys at a later date.

One set of enclosed photographs should be furnished Departmental Attorney David R. Owen who is at Meridian in accordance with his prior request.

Above photographs being sent direct to Meridian, Mississippi, Resident Agency.

Enclosures (3)



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Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Relet furnished Bureau numerous photographs of suspects; subjects in the various civil rights cases in Neshoba County; and photographs of various buildings such as the Neshoba County Courthouse, Jail, etc. Departmental Attorney Owen has requested copy of [REDACTED] photographs be furnished him for possible use in connection with grand jury proceedings which will commence 9/21/64. Photos furnished Bureau in order that appropriate copies could be made and Owen previously advised he would be furnished appropriate photographs at Meridian.

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Date: 9/16/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (44-1) (P)  
SUBJECT: MIBURN  
(OO: JACKSON)

[REDACTED] Federal Grand Jury which  
is convening 9/21/64. b3

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Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Jackson (44-1)

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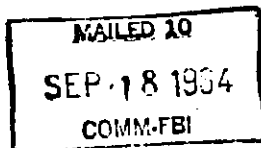
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Enclosed herewith are three photographs of [REDACTED] and five photographs of [REDACTED] which were furnished this Bureau as enclosure to your 7/16/64 airtel. b7C

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NOTE: This communication being sent directly to Meridian, Mississippi, Resident Agency per request in incoming.



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**TO SAC JACKSON (44-1)**

**FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-25706)**

**MIBURN.**

RE YOUR SEPTEMBER TWELVE LAST REPORT.

**CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT ADVISES THAT**

**DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ROBERT OWEN DESIRES**

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NOTE: Above request per Frank Dunbaugh, 9/16/64. SEP 18 1964

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URGENT 9-17-64 SEP 17 1964

TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

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FROM JACKSON /44-1/

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TELETYPE

TO JACKSON. (KILLING OF 3 CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS)

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

REFERENCE MY TELETYPE

REMYTEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST RE ACTIVITIES AT PHILADELPHIA AND

MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI.

PREPARATIONS FOR GRAND JURY

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ROBERT OWEN ADVISED THAT SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO DATE FOR ONE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING GRAND JURY HEARING CONCERNING THE MIBURN CASE. THE SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN SERVED ~~HAVE BEEN SERVED~~ BY DEPUTY MARSHALS WHERE WHITE PERSONS ARE INVOLVED, AND SUBPOENAS ON NEGROES HAVE BEEN SERVED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS TO DATE.

ONE SUBPOENA HAS BEEN SERVED BY THE JACKSON OFFICE WITH BUREAU AUTHORITY, THIS ONE TO [REDACTED]

IN CONNECTION WITH THE SERVING OF SUBPOENAS BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, THE MIBURN SQUAD HAS FURNISHED ADDRESSES OR SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS WHERE ADDRESSES WERE UNSATISFACTORY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE CONTACT WHICH THESE ATTORNEYS ARE MAKING WITH WITNESSES AND VICTIMS.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7D, b3  
NO DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED IN DEALING WITH DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS. THEIR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED ABOVE HAVE BEEN GRANTED.

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISS.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DETAILS CONCERNING THIS DATA WILL BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY. b7D

VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY, NESHOPA COUNTY, SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN LAST.

REMAINING NEGROES WHO ATTEMPTED TO REGISTER HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED AND FURNISHED INFORMATION SUBSTANTIALLY AS FURNISHED IN PREVIOUS SUMMARY. THREE OF APPLICANTS WHO LOST JOBS FOLLOWING REGISTRATION ATTEMPT PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. THEY AND FORMER EMPLOYERS WHO DISMISSED THEM WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN LOCATED.  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 9-16-64

FROM : Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. Frank Dunbaugh  
Room 1616

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER - VICTIM;  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIM;  
ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to NY memorandum dated 9/15/64  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed <sup>see note.</sup> ~~one copy of the report of Special Agent~~  
at \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. Note: Enclosed is one set of photographs which are identified by the attached list.

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CECIL PRICE

CECIL PRICE  
[REDACTED]  
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STATE FIRE MARSHALS  
STATE INVESTIGATORS  
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CECIL PRICE  
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STATE INVESTIGATORS

ETHEL GLEN BARNETT  
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STATE INVESTIGATORS

CECIL PRICE  
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CECIL PRICE  
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RICHARD A. WILLIS, PD

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BILLY WAYNE POSEY  
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CECIL PRICE'S CAR,  
1956 CHEVROLET, 1964  
MISSISSIPPI LICENSE  
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LAWRENCE RAINEY'S CAR  
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"HOP" BARNETT  
LAWRENCE RAINEY

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(VARIOUS VIEWS)

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CATERPILLAR USED TO BUILD  
DAM ON OLD JOLLY FARM  
OWNED BY OLEN BURRAGE

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NESHOBA COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. [REDACTED] b7C

DATE: September 17, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: MIBURN

Tolson ☒  
Belmont ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Casper ☒  
Callahan ☒  
Conrad ☒  
DeLoach ☒  
Evans ☒  
Gale ☒  
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Sullivan ☒  
Tavel ☒  
Trotter ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

While talking with John Doar, he mentioned the following items which have already been requested by Owen of Sullivan. They pertain to the preparation of the case for trial and are among the many requests which will be received during the preparation of this case from day to day inasmuch as Sullivan is maintaining close contact with Departmental attorneys:

Doar referred to the article in the "Saturday Evening Post" of September 5, 1964, relating to the instant case written by William Bradford Huie. He referred to the paragraph on page two of the article, third column, which is as follows: "Schwerner and Chaney were in Oxford when the church burned training recruits with money furnished by the National Council of Churches. But the church burners had descriptions of them. They had photographed the youths' blue Ford station wagon. They broadcast its license number and description. They let it be known they were laying for that bearded Red Jew agitator. We will get him the next time he comes in here." *L*

With reference to this, Sullivan stated that they had no one who could testify that pictures of the Ford station wagon had been taken by the suspects. It was a matter of common knowledge that Schwerner and Chaney were driving around in the blue COFO Ford station wagon. They had been up there for months contacting people in connection with voter registration and this was, of course, well before the church burning on June 16, 1964. Sullivan stated that he had explained this to Owen.

Doar, just to keep me informed, mentioned that this had been brought to the attention of Mr. Sullivan by Owen and that he understood there was no individual who could testify concerning this. I advised him that I knew of no person who could testify as to the above comment except that everybody did know they were down there. It was a matter of common knowledge.

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Memorandum to [REDACTED] b7C  
RE: MIBURN

Doar also mentioned that the following information had been given to Sullivan. It was to the effect that [REDACTED] had furnished one of the attorneys who was interviewing him as a potential witness the following information: [REDACTED]

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Sullivan was told of this today and he said that they knew who [REDACTED] is and will talk to him again, but that he is a scatterbrain and is "full of baloney." b7C

I also advised Sullivan that I understood that Owen had asked [REDACTED]

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I told Sullivan that Doar told me that the subpoenas for [REDACTED] had been served [REDACTED] yesterday. He said this was correct. In this regard, I had spoken to Roy Moore this morning, at which time he advised me of this and I told him to send a wire to the Bureau advising the Bureau of the fact that the subpoenas had been issued because the Director was personally interested in this. b3

Doar had mentioned that the subpoena which had been prepared by the Department for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sullivan was instructed to get a copy of the subpoena that was issued [REDACTED] and to immediately furnish it to the Bureau so we would have it available here. b3 b7D

In view of the fact that Doar brought the Saturday Evening Post article to my attention, I called him back and advised him of the information which had been furnished to me by Sullivan to the effect that, of course, Schwerner and Chaney's presence was well known to the people of the country. They knew them and they knew the car. They have no one who can testify as to this other than the victims.

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11-56 AM CST URGENT 9-17-64 BJM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSON /44-1/ 2-P

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Indices Memphis Office reflect no information re  
names of other individuals listed in enclosure to referenced  
airtel.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON 144-1/ 3P

MIBURN. ~~Office of Origin~~  
DO, JACKSON.

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPT. NINETEEN INSTANT.

REMYTEL SEPT. EIGHTEEN LAST RE DEVELOPMENTS IN PHILADELPHIA  
AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

XXX ACTIVITY, LAUDERDALE AND NESHOBIA COUNTIES, MISS.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7D  
RE TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED BY [REDACTED] COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS, COFO, PHILADELPHIA MISS. b7C

COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS, [REDACTED] COFO, PHILADELPHIA, RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AT ONE THIRTYEIGHT PM THIS DATE FROM INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS [REDACTED] STATED QUOTE 'HAVEN'T YOU BEEN WAITING FOR ME TO CALL' UNQUOTE. WHEN QUESTIONED BY [REDACTED] AS TO WHAT HIS BUSINESS WAS, [REDACTED] REPLIED QUOTE 'YOUR NUMBER IS UP' END QUOTE. [REDACTED] HAS HAD NO PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] AND DOES NOT KNOW HIM PERSONALLY AND WAS NOT EXPECTING HIM TO CALL. b7C, b7D

[REDACTED]  
PHILADELPHIA, INTERVIEWED AND ADMITTED MAKING TELEPHONE CALL TO COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS, COFO HEADQUARTERS, THIS DATE. STATED NOTE LEFT BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL ON [REDACTED] SCRATCH PAD. THIS NOTE WAS FOUND [REDACTED] AND WAS APPARENTLY LEFT [REDACTED] IT STATED QUOTE 'CALL TWO FOUR FIVE ONE' END QUOTE. [REDACTED] CALLED THIS NUMBER, THINKING IT b7C, b7D  
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WAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS BUSINESS, AND WHEN HE LEARNED HE WAS  
*COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS*  
TALKING WITH ~~COFO~~ HEADQUARTERS, HE TERMINATED THE CONVERSATION AND  
EMPHATICALLY DENIED MAKING ABOVE THREAT OR ANY THREAT WHATSOEVER.

[REDACTED] PRODUCED NOTE AND ADDITIONAL NOTE CONTAINING SAME  
TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUND IN WASTE BASKET [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNABLE TO EXPLAIN PRESENCE OF SECOND NOTE OR IDENTITY  
WRITER OF EITHER NOTE. b7C, b7D

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TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSON 44-1

FROM NEW ORLEANS 44-2227 2P

MIBURN

RE JACKSON AIRTEL NINE SEVENTEEN LAST AND JACKSON  
*telephone*  
TEL CALL TO NEW ORLEANS NINE ~~EIGHTEEN LAST~~. *9-16-C4.*

SEARCH OF NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE ON ALL  
JURORS FURNISHED IN RE AIRTEL AND RE *telephone* TEL CALL, EXCEPT  
AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

FROM : A. Rosen *fu*

SUBJECT: MIBURN

DATE: September 17, 1964

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Joe*  
While talking with Sullivan today, I asked him to get a list of the members of the grand jury. I had asked him whether we had been requested to check their names. He said we had not and that he had discussed this with Owen and Owen stated that the grand jury has been called and we are stuck with them whether we like it or not. I told him to get the names and also check for our own information through our files to see if we can attach any significance to their names.

I also asked him to get a list of the individuals who were going to be subpoenaed by the attorneys as witnesses to appear before the grand jury. He said Owen has this list. I asked him to see if he could not get the names so we will have an idea who is under subpoena.

Sullivan advised me that the attorneys are contacting the various victims personally at which time they are serving them with subpoenas and that we have furnished information to the Departmental attorneys as to the location of the various witnesses who are under subpoena. He said so far he understood there were about 25 persons who had been subpoenaed by the Departmental attorneys on the basis of personal interviews. I told him we wanted a complete list.

I also mentioned to Sullivan that if and when the time comes that indictments are going to be returned that they, of course, should be sealed so that we do not have any fugitives on hand. We ought to serve the warrants and make the arrests.

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Date: 9/19/64

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)  
Attention: Exhibit Section

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

MIBURN

Enclosed herewith for the Exhibit Section is a rough map prepared by SA [redacted] at the request of Departmental Attorney D. ROBERT OWEN reflecting various points of interest in connection with this case. b7C

Mr. OWEN has advised that he has arranged with the Exhibit Section to prepare mount from the enclosed sketch a map suitable for use in the forthcoming Grand Jury in Biloxi, Mississippi. The mount should be poster size.

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Map being prepared  
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reply necessary.  
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Approved: [redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

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| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

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URGENT 9-22-64 BMN

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/

<sup>Office of Origin</sup>  
MIBURN. OO JACKSON.

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPTEMBER TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

REMYTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE LAST RE DEVELOPMENTS  
AT PHILADELPHIA AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

PROGRESS OF FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT BILOXI, MISS., THIS  
DATE.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS HANDLING FEDERAL GRAND  
JURY, BILOXI, MISS., ANTICIPATE COMPLETING TESTIMONY

ON [REDACTED] THIS DATE OR EARLY

MORNING, SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE NEXT. 63

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BE PRESENTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING [REDACTED]

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cc: Mr. Rosen

*Handwritten notes:*  
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[REDACTED]  
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RE ACTIVITIES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER NINETEEN  
LAST, [REDACTED]  
WERE OBSERVED LEAVING THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY LAUREL  
WEIR, AT PHILADELPHIA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEEMED TO BE EXTREMELY AGITATED. b7C, b7D  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EDGAR RAY KILLENS FATHER HAS BEEN COMING  
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INTO THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE PA<sup>S</sup>RT WEEK, AND GIVES  
THE APPEARANCE OF BEING VERY UPSET.

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CC - Mr. Rosen

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1 - Belmont  
1 - Rosen

Tolson ☒  
Belmont ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Casper ☒  
Callahan ☒  
Conrad ☒  
DeLoach ☒  
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Rosen ☒  
Sullivan ☒  
Tavel ☒  
Trotter ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

TO : MR. TOLSON *[Signature]*

DATE: September 21, 1964

FROM : MR. BELMONT *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER - VICTIM  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIM  
ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIM  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI  
CIVIL RIGHTS

The Director noted that the memorandum Rosen to Belmont dated 7/31/64 in this case had not been sent to him before 9/18/64 and asked why not.

This is the memorandum I discussed with the Director on the telephone July 30, 1964, in order to get the Director's concurrence that we go ahead and pay the money to get the information relative to the location of the bodies of the three victims.

Because the memorandum mentions [REDACTED] I personally handed this back to Mr. Rosen after discussing it with the Director on the telephone in order that it would be handled on a most confidential basis. b7D

It would have been better if I had sent this out to the Director so that he could see it in writing and thereafter handled it in a confidential manner upon its return.

AHB:hgm  
(3) *[Signature]*

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Date: 9/17/64

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-25706)  
SACS, ATLANTA (44-1633)  
JACKSON

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-553)

MIBURN OO: JACKSON

RE JACKSON TEL TO WFO NINE SIXTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED]

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Approved: Thomas J. Jenkins Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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cc - [REDACTED] b7C



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1 - Office, 7133

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Enclosure (Copy of  
incoming) *bx*

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To: **FBI, Jackson (44-1)**

Date: **September 21, 1964**

Re: **MIBURN**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

Lab. No. **44-25706  
PC-82328 AR**

Examination requested by:

**Jackson**

Reference:

**Letter 9/8/64**

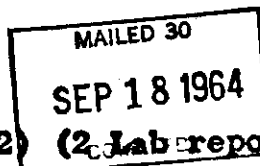
Examination requested:

**Firearms**

Remarks:

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*1. [Signature]*  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Jackson**  
Re: **MIBURN**

Date: **September 21, 1964**  
FBI File No. **44-25706**  
Lab. No. **PC-82328 AR**

Specimens received **9/11/64**

**K53 Caliber .38 Special Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial No. C 39440**  
**K54 - K59 Six rounds of ammunition**

### Results of examination:

It was concluded that the bullets from the victim's bodies, previously submitted in this case, were not fired from specimen K53. It was further concluded that the cartridge case, Q113, found near the edge of the property of Olen Burrage was not fired in specimen K53.

The six cartridges, K54 through K59, are reloads; however, the bullets loaded into these cartridges are different from the reload type bullets recovered from the victim's bodies.

As requested, specimens K53 through K59 are being returned to the Miburn Special Assignment Group at Meridian, Mississippi, under separate cover by Railway Express.

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*b7c from*

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MIBURN

File # 44-25706 - 1115  
Lab. # PC-82328 AR

Examination requested by: FBI, JACKSON (44-1) let 9/8  
Examination requested: Firearms (g and a) Date received: 9/11/64 rex  
Result of Examination: Examination by: [REDACTED]

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FBI  
301 U.S. Post Office Building  
Meridian, Miss.

Specimens submitted for examination

K53 Caliber .38 Special Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial No. C 39440  
K54 - K59 Six rounds of ammunition

See notes attached

Lab rpt  
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Cartridges - All reloads.  
Cal. .38 Spl. wad cutter  
5 Western cases  
1 Peters case  
Copper primers in all

Q87 - 7 R - Now ident.

Q64, Q76, Q86 & Q88 - Non ident &  
Barrel of gun from which Q64,  
Q76, Q86 & Q88 fired more or less

Q113 (cart case) - non ident &  
F.P. imps. diff - 11 br. face marks  
different.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)

9/8/64

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

MIBURN

Enclosed herewith via Railway Express, as requested by the Laboratory, is one Smith and Wesson caliber .38 special revolver, SN C39440. Also enclosed are six rounds of caliber .38 special ammunition which were in the firearm when it was voluntarily furnished to the FBI [REDACTED]

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The enclosed items should be afforded ballistics examination in connection with the MIBURN investigation and after completion of examination, the revolver should be returned to the MIBURN Special Assignment Group at Meridian, Miss., in order that it may be returned [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (AM) DATE: 9/17/64  
FROM : *Job* ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN  
SUBJECT: MIBURN

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a memorandum listing the names of individuals who have been subpoenaed by the Departmental Attorneys in connection with Grand Jury hearing in the MIBURN case at Biloxi, Miss., 9/21/64.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (44-1) (P)

DATE: 9/17/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: MIBURN

The following is a list of subpoenas issued in connection with this matter and supplied by the United States Attorney's office:

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1-Mr. [REDACTED]  
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TO: SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)

MIBURN.

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SEPTEMBER NINETEEN, LAST.

BUREAU INDICES REVEAL NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WITH  
JURORS SET FORTH REAIRTEL BASED ON AVAILABLE IDENTIFYING DATA  
EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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RE: MIBURN  
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Information concerning [REDACTED]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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751PM CST URGENT 9-18-64 TCM

TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/

Office of Origin  
MIBURN. 1-00. JACKSON.

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPT. EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

REFERENCE MY TELETYPE  
REMYTEL SEPT. SEVENTEEN LAST REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS IN

MERIDIAN AND PHILADELPHIA, MISS.

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| Mr. Tolson   | _____ |
| Mr. Belmont  | _____ |
| Mr. Mohr     | _____ |
| Mr. Casper   | _____ |
| Mr. Callahan | _____ |
| Mr. Conrad   | _____ |
| Mr. DeLoach  | _____ |
| Mr. Evans    | _____ |
| Mr. Gale     | _____ |
| Mr. Rosen    | _____ |
| Mr. Sullivan | _____ |
| Mr. Tavel    | _____ |
| Mr. Trotter  | _____ |
| Tele. Room   | _____ |
| Miss Holmes  | _____ |
| Miss Gandy   | _____ |

BUREAU PERSONNEL SUBPOENED TO APPEAR BEFORE NESHOPA COUNTY  
GRAND JURY INQUIRING INTO DEATH OF MIBURN VICTIMS.

SHERIFF LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, NESHOPA COUNTY, PHILADELPHIA,  
MISS., ADVISED SEPT. EIGHTEEN INSTANT THAT HIS OFFICE HAD RECEIVED  
SUBPOENAS TO SERVE TO BUREAU PERSONNEL FOR THEIR APPEARANCE  
BEFORE THE NESHOPA COUNTY GRAND JURY WHICH WOULD STUDY THE MURDERS  
OF THE VICTIMS IN THE MIBURN CASE. SUBPOENAS WERE ISSUED FOR

RAINEY WAS ADVISED THAT FBI HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE INFORMED AS  
TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE SUBPOENAS. HE WAS INFORMED THAT HE WOULD BE  
ADVISED LATER CONCERNING THE REAPPEARANCE OF BUREAU PERSONNEL.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT NESHOPA COUNTY AUTHORITIES BE ADVISED THAT PERSONNEL COMMITMENTS TO PRESENT FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN BILOXI MAKE THE APPEARANCE OF THE REQUESTED PERSONNEL IMPOSSIBLE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

PREPARATION FOR GRAND JURY.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ROBERT OWEN ADVISED THAT BURKE MARSHALL AND JOHN DOAR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WOULD BE IN MERIDIAN SEPT. NINETEEN NEXT AND HAD REQUESTED THAT THEY BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE MAJOR AREAS OF ACTIVITY IN THIS CASE IN NESHOPA COUNTY. ASSISTANCE WILL BE RENDERED IN THIS REGARD. AN AGENT WILL SHOW THE RECOVERY SITES OF THE AUTOMOBILE AND BODIES, THE REMAINS OF THE MT. ZION CHURCH, AND INDEPENDENCE QUARTERS IN PHILADELPHIA, WHERE <sup>COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS</sup> COFO HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1-Mr. [REDACTED] b7C

1-Mr. [REDACTED] b7C

TO :

Mr. Rosen *R/jp*

DATE: 9/21/64

FROM :

[REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT:

UNSUBS; MICHAEL SCHWERNER, ET AL. -  
VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
RACIAL MATTERS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Jackson Office teletype of 9/18/64, indicated Bureau personnel had been subpoenaed to appear before the Neshoba County, Mississippi, grand jury. Meridian Office, headquarters of the Miburn Special, was contacted. It was ascertained that the Agents being subpoenaed are scheduled to appear before the county grand jury on Monday, 9/28/64.

Inasmuch as Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall and his Number One Man, John Doar, are scheduled to be in Meridian, Mississippi, on 9/19/64, the Meridian Office was instructed to discuss the matter of the Agents appearing before the grand jury with Messrs. Marshall and Doar. *L*

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(3) b7C *gmw*

*See memo to Belmont 9/22/64*  
*Rosen*  
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Date: 9/17/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

MIBURN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Memphis and New Orleans are copies of the Grand Jurors impaneled on 9/9/64 as well as four additional jurors, who will convene on the 21st day of September at Biloxi, Miss., for the purpose of hearing testimony in captioned matter.

Bureau, Memphis and New Orleans are requested to review indices re attached list of names and furnish pertinent information to Jackson Office immediately.

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  - 2 - New Orleans (Enc. 2)
  - 3 - Jackson

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| Mr. Belmont  | _____ |
| Mr. Mohr     | _____ |
| Mr. Casper   | _____ |
| Mr. Callahan | _____ |
| Mr. Conrad   | _____ |
| Mr. Felt     | _____ |
| Mr. Gale     | _____ |
| Mr. Rosen    | _____ |
| Mr. Sullivan | _____ |
| Mr. Tavel    | _____ |
| Mr. Trotter  | _____ |
| Tele. Room   | _____ |
| Miss Holmes  | _____ |
| Miss Gandy   | _____ |

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

MIBURN

Remytelephone call and teletype to the Bureau this date.

Transmitted herewith are two Xerox copies of the subpoena duces tecum served [REDACTED]

on September 16, 1964.

③ - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)  
2 - Jackson

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: 9/17/64

FROM : A. Rosen *Rd*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

Tolson ☒  
Belmont ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Casper ☒  
Callahan ☒  
Conrad ☒  
DeLoach ☒  
Evans ☒  
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Gandy ☒

## INSPECTOR

While talking with Sullivan today in connection with the individuals who are going to be subpoenaed by the Department as witnesses to appear before the Grand Jury, Sullivan stated that Owen had this list. It is recalled I asked him if he could not get the names so we will have an idea who is under subpoena.

Sullivan advised me that the attorneys are contacting the various victims personally, at which time they are serving them with subpoenas and that we have furnished information to Departmental attorneys as to the location of the various witnesses under subpoena. He said so far he understands there were about 25 persons who had been subpoenaed by Departmental attorneys on the basis of personal interviews. I told him we wanted a complete list.

In this connection I inquired as to the comment that approximately 100 persons were going to be served. He said that Departmental attorneys are merely talking to colored witnesses and that U. S. Marshals are serving all white witnesses and so far they have had no difficulty in connection with the service.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *W*

DATE: 9/18/64

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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*W*  
Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The individual referred to as Owen in the attached memorandum is Departmental Attorney Robert Owen of the Civil Rights Division, who is in charge of the presentation of instant case before a Federal Grand Jury, Biloxi, Mississippi. He should have been identified more clearly when the memorandum was written.

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TELETYPE

**FBI JKN MISS**

TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

Office of Origin  
MIBURN. OO, JACKSON.

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPT. TWENTY INSTANT.

REMYTEL SEPT. NINETEEN LAST RE DEVELOPMENTS AT PHILADELPHIA  
AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

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Date: 9/18/64

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1281)  
 SUBJECT: MIBURN

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau 9/17/64.

A review of Memphis indices reflects the following information:

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Numerous references reflected [REDACTED] b7C

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Also enclosed are 3 copies of 6 Xerox pages from  
Airtel ..... case captioned [REDACTED]

Teletype..... [REDACTED]

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Approved: KWD

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

to : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: September 23, 1964

FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN  
JAMES EARL CHANEY -  
VICTIMS  
(DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7c*  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7c*  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7c*

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is the original copy of the following memoranda concerning captioned matter.

Memo - Rosen to Belmont, 7/31/64, AR/mpd

Memo - Rosen to Belmont, 9/16/64, AR/ige

Memo - Rosen to Belmont, 9/18/64, AR/ige

Memo - Rosen to Belmont, 9/21/64, AR/ige

The attached envelope containing the above memoranda is not to be opened without personal approval of Assistant Director Rosen.

## ACTION:

For record purposes. *JS*

Enclosures (4)

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ENCLOSURE  
*per Rosen*  
*Archie Brown*  
*11-9-64*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 7/31/64

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER - VICTIM  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIM  
ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIM  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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A couple of days ago we had indications that the information which we had circulated in selected areas might be producing results. Information we had been circulating was to the effect that the FBI was interested in but one thing at this time and that was to find the victims. If such information came directly to the FBI anonymously or through an intermediary or through any other imaginable means, we would be interested only in having pinpointed for us the location of the bodies of the victims if they were dead and we would then have to establish that the victims were the individuals who were being sought in connection with instant case. Once we established that the victims were actually recovered we would then pay a substantial amount of money, indicated to be from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

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1. 1990年12月15日，在“九七”香港回归前夕，香港各界人士纷纷发表文章，就香港前途问题提出自己的看法。其中，不少文章都提到，香港回归后，香港与内地的关系将发生深刻变化。

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Memo to Mr. Belmont from A. Rosen

Re: MIBURN

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In a case such as this involving the Bureau's prestige, under no circumstances should there be any indication in subsequent press comment that would disclose our modus operandi and put someone in a position to either presume or assume [REDACTED] who assisted us in the recovery of the victims.

I also feel that this should be kept under wraps until it is established that we have actually recovered the bodies.

R.  
D.A.  
7/30/64  
[Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
 MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
 ANDREW GOODMAN,  
 JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
 CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 16, 1964

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Evans

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C

Tolson ✓  
 Belmont ✓  
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 Evans ✓  
 Gale ✓  
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 Tavel ✓  
 Trotter ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Holmes ✓  
 Gandy ✓

Katzenbach asked that I come to his office. He wanted to straighten out a few matters in connection with the above-entitled case which he said was going to be presented to a grand jury beginning on the 21st of September.

I went to his office, at which time he advised me that just as soon as the grand jury was convened this would become a matter of public knowledge and, secondly, he felt that the newspapers would hound the Department, as well as the FBI, with speculative questions as to the purpose of the grand jury. He was concerned about this because he knew that anything that might be said could be distorted. I advised him that insofar as the Bureau was concerned we intended to make no comment of any kind and I was sure we would hold to the firm position making absolutely no comment in answer to any inquiries relative to the grand jury and its purposes.

Katzenbach said insofar as the Department was concerned he felt that it would be highly undesirable to speculate and although newspapermen could not be stopped from speculating, he was going to discourage it. He said he would take the position if he were asked any questions that insofar as the Department of Justice is concerned it would be highly improper for it to make any comment and he was going to try to indicate to anyone inquiring that it would be most improper for them to speculate as to the purposes of such a grand jury.

He raised another question concerning the evidence and wanted to know whether any of our evidence was tainted. I told him that insofar as I knew I could assure him that any evidence which we have produced has not been obtained through tainted means and that

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our reports clearly set forth the names of the individuals who can testify and the type of information that they can receive. He said he thought we should have this assurance so that his attorneys would not be going into the grand jury without fully being aware of all of the facts. I know of no information which was obtained through the means of telephone taps or other illegal means and consequently the statement given to Katzenbach is correct.

He then brought up a question which has previously been raised by Burke Marshall. It is recalled that Burke Marshall stated in connection with the finding of the bodies of the three civil rights workers by the FBI it is just incredible as to how the Agents were able to find the boys in the location they did based solely upon an intensive search of the area. He said he was not asking me for an answer but he felt that if this case does go to trial certainly Katzenbach or Marshall ought to be aware of the facts so that they would not be caught by surprise or take action which was undesirable. Marshall indicated that this ought to be given some thought by the Bureau and that he was not asking me for any answer. I did not volunteer any answer. This was reflected in my memorandum of September 3, 1964, in the instant case.

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It was suggested that there did not appear to be any reason for changing our position at that time; however, if this matter is pursued by the Department and the question comes up again, it was believed the Bureau under no circumstances should disclose information which we must retain in full and complete confidence. If we have to disclose anything further than what has already been said, the most we could tell Marshall or the Attorney General, whoever it may be, on the basis that it is to be solely for their information alone and is not to be disclosed to anyone else as it does not effect the presentation of the civil rights cases, is that "We were able to secure information leading to the location of the bodies; however, the source cannot be disclosed." Insofar as this suggestion is concerned, the Director indicated that we will consider this again for an answer if we are pressed.

Katzenbach has now referred to Marshall's question and has indicated that he would appreciate an answer inasmuch as the attorneys who are presenting this case should not be asking questions of individuals as there is a possibility of perjury arising. I told

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Katzenbach that I did not see how the subpoenaing of any witnesses would affect the outcome of the case and that anyone the attorneys desired to subpoena could be subpoenaed.

In this connection the attorneys have furnished a list of names of individuals who they desire to have subpoenaed. We will assist in the service of the subpoenas where they are not readily located inasmuch as the attorneys are at this time interviewing all potential witnesses.

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This could very well be a "cute" way of trying to find out who our source may be and I believe that the question of perjury is inconsequential in the over-all consideration of the case.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Taking everything into consideration, I feel that we should state to the Department that insofar as we are concerned the attorneys trying this case are free to ask any questions which they may desire to and that we are not placing any restrictions on questions that they ask nor the individuals they subpoena just as long as it comes within the accepted prerogatives of legal procedure.

Inasmuch as we have now been pressed for some answer, I believe it would be appropriate to state "We were able to secure information leading to the location of the bodies; however, the source cannot be disclosed." This is a specific answer and would be appropriate under the circumstances. If circumstances change, then we may have to suggest further action. This will be watched closely.

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I think we should  
disclose our source  
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[Signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 18, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Tolson ☒  
Belmont ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Casper ☒  
Callahan ☒  
Conrad ☒  
DeLoach ☒  
Evans ☒  
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Rosen ☒  
Sullivan ☒  
Tavel ☒  
Trotter ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

Reference is made to my memorandum of September 16, 1964, wherein Katzenbach has asked to be informed of the source which led to the finding of the bodies. In line with the observation that we should disclose this source, this can be done but I do wish to review the possible consequences.

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As has been indicated before, [REDACTED] who furnished information concerning the finding of the bodies and the finding of the three individuals as such does not have a direct bearing on the civil rights cases which are being presented to the Federal grand jury at this time. It is pointed out that during the course of the investigation looking to the finding of the bodies we came across numerous instances of individuals who had been in contact with local law enforcement officers and who as victims complained of mistreatment. There was also information indicating that the local people up there knew of the activities of Michael Schwerner, the white victim, and James Earl Chaney, the colored victim, during a time prior to the burning of the church which occurred on June 16, 1964, and subsequent to that time, and that the local people up there did not want them around. b7D

Victim Andrew Goodman arrived in Meridian the night before the murder occurred, which was on June 20, 1964. Goodman was up in Oxford, Ohio, getting trained for the Mississippi Summer Project. It was also known that the car which Schwerner and Chaney were using which was the Ford station wagon, was well known as being a Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) car and the arrest of these individuals on Sunday, June 21, 1964, when the three victims went up allegedly to check on the burning of the church, was probably as a result of the car having been seen by some of the local people who had heretofore voiced strong objection to the car and the occupants thereof.

From the time that we got into the case following the finding of the burned car and the fact that the victims were missing until the time that the bodies were found on August 4, 1964, we, of course, conducted extensive interviews and during that time picked up additional situations involving alleged violations of the Civil Rights Statute concerning victims other than the three murder victims. After the finding of the bodies, our investigation continued for the purpose of identifying the perpetrators of the murders and during the course of this investigation we again picked up additional civil rights violations involving victims other than the three murder victims.

The significance of this investigation discloses that there appeared to be a conspiracy on the part of the prime suspects; namely, the Sheriff, his Deputy, and others who are closely associated with the

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Sheriff's Office who either were in law enforcement or had formerly been in law enforcement, to deprive the colored population of their civil rights and these individual cases taken cumulatively show a clear conspiracy to deprive the victims of their civil rights.

It is these civil rights cases which are presently being presented to the Federal grand jury and it is hoped that the grand jury will bring forth indictments against the persons who have committed the civil rights violations. If and when such indictments are returned these individuals will be arrested and charged with civil rights violations.

[REDACTED] I asked him what alternative we had inasmuch as the Department was pressing for this source and felt that they needed this information to properly present the case. He stated he felt that we need not identify anyone but that we should go the route as was initially planned; namely, not to disclose the identity [REDACTED] He said that he is ready to stand on this position. b7D

I asked Sullivan if there was any possibility of tainted evidence. He said that insofar as civil rights cases are concerned there is absolutely no possibility of any tainted evidence. He said he did want to mention one thing though. In connection with the search warrant which was obtained at the time they went into the property of Olen Burrage where the dam was located, he stated that he had instructed SAC Moore to obtain a search warrant which he referred to as a "day and night warrant" which would allow the search to continue during the day and at night if need be; that the search warrant indicated that they had reliable information that bodies were located on the property [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sullivan stated that he told Moore to get a search warrant as this was needed and he gave him the above information. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the search warrant, although it was executed and returned, was actually not needed because Olen Burrage b7D

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when he was presented with the search warrant stated that the Agents could search the property all they wanted and could do anything they wished on the property.

This should be brought to the attention of the Department. Although it has no bearing on the civil rights cases and will not affect the presentation of the case because the search warrant only pertained to the location of the bodies, it should be brought out at this time and I will mention it to Burke Marshall and Katzenbach today.

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If approved, we will handle this matter today along the above lines.

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*OK*

*I think this will satisfy them*

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*OK*  
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*I am not approving the disclosure of [REDACTED] see [REDACTED] to the grand jury to be called*

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 21, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Tolson ✓  
Belmont ✓  
Mohr ✓  
Casper ✓  
Callahan ✓  
Conrad ✓  
DeLoach ✓  
Evans ✓  
Gale ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Sullivan ✓  
Tavel ✓  
Trotter ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holmes ✓  
Gandy ✓

With reference to the request of Katzenbach that he be informed of the source which led to the finding of the bodies, I called him in response to his earlier call of Saturday evening, September 19, 1964, and told him that I could not identify the source of our information; that if we did the source would immediately be killed; that there were just too many leaks in the papers and that it did not appear essential to the cases being presented, inasmuch as they are civil rights violations, that the source be identified. It was further pointed out that if this information was disclosed we could not and would not be able to solve any of our cases in the future if we breach this confidence. In light of the above, it was pointed out to Katzenbach that we had an informant, that we got information from our informant, and that we paid for it. It was also indicated that if it became essential at a later time this matter could be reconsidered.

Katzenbach stated he would like to tell Burke Marshall and John Doar, who are presently in Mississippi, this information. They are assisting Departmental Attorney Robert Owen in preparing the case for presentation to the grand jury. Katzenbach said that he felt he will have to alert them and that it would not go beyond the three individuals mentioned; namely, Burke Marshall, his First Deputy John Doar, and Mr. Owen. He subsequently changed his mind and stated that he knew that they were conferring with our representatives in Mississippi; namely, at Meridian, inasmuch as they had been in touch with Inspector Sullivan there, and he asked that this information be related to them in view of the urgency of the situation and in view of the difficulty in relating information to Burke Marshall, who he thought might be in a hotel.

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*I have no doubt  
but that it will  
leak out to Katzenbach &  
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Based upon this, I advised Sullivan to personally tell Burke Marshall. He said Burke Marshall, Doar and Owen were presently together and he would attempt to reach them and advise them personally, limiting it to the information above. He was told to caution them about the need for maintaining security in this connection. Sullivan handled this.

In connection with the presentation of this case to the grand jury at Biloxi, Mississippi, I advised Sullivan that all Agents should be most circumspect in their conduct; that they should cooperate fully but nevertheless maintain a completely official and businesslike relationship with the Departmental attorneys; that we did not want any unfavorable reflection upon any of our Agents involved in this matter. Sullivan said that he had already handled this. The Agents who will be at Biloxi are the three most experienced and knowledgeable Agents who have worked the particular phases being presented to the grand jury. They will be available to assist in maintaining liaison with the Departmental attorneys. Any requests will be handled with dispatch providing such requests are appropriate.

I inquired whether Sullivan thought it desirable to be at Biloxi. He indicated he thought that this was undesirable; first because the investigation was presently being continued at Meridian where the majority of the manpower would be and, secondly, he did not feel that he should be in Biloxi because they would be calling him every five minutes and would probably pull him before the grand jury frequently which would be undesirable. He said he would be available in case he was needed and that he could be present in Biloxi on short notice. It is believed that we should attempt to proceed along these lines for the time being. If the situation changes, this will immediately be brought to your attention.

Sullivan stated that he plans to talk beforehand to every Agent who will be called upon to testify.

You will be advised of further developments.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 17, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

Tolson ☒  
 Belmont ☒  
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 Casper ☒  
 Callahan ☒  
 Conrad ☒  
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 Rosen ☒  
 Sullivan ☒  
 Tavel ☒  
 Trotter ☒  
 Tele. Room ☒  
 Holmes ☒  
 Gandy ☒

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
 MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
 ANDREW GOODMAN,  
 JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
 CIVIL RIGHTS

John Doar came by to advise me that the Department had eight attorneys working on this case in Mississippi lining up the testimony of the various witnesses, etc., and that, as previously reported, Robert Owen was spearheading it and had been working very hard on it.

Doar said he was very well pleased with the cooperation which we were giving and that he and Burke Marshall were thinking about going down this week end to talk things over with Owen. They have not yet decided definitely. In addition, they were going to send another attorney to assist the present complement of men.

You will be advised of any further pertinent developments.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7c
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7d
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

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1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
September 18, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C  
1 - [REDACTED] b7C

Honorable Walter W. Jenkins  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 14, 1964, concerning James Earl Chaney, Michael Henry Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, the three civil rights workers who were murdered in Mississippi.

In that letter, you were advised that we had developed extensive information concerning possible violations of Civil Rights Statutes in the area, which information had been discussed with representatives of the Department of Justice concerning the desirability of presenting such possible civil rights violations to a Federal Grand Jury.

In this connection, pertinent information developed will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi, commencing September 21, 1964. Federal Judge Sidney C. Mize will preside. This Grand Jury was arranged by Chief Federal Judge William Harold Cox, Southern District of Mississippi, prior to his departure from this country on a vacation abroad. The wealth of information concerning numerous possible violations of Civil Rights Statutes as reflected in our extensive reports covering approximately 3278 pages will be presented for the Grand Jury's consideration.

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins

To date, approximately 100 witnesses have been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury. Deliberations of the Grand Jury will be a matter of continuing interest over the next several weeks. It is felt that positive and favorable action on the part of the Grand Jury will have a salutary effect upon the local community in which the violations were committed.

Our extensive investigation of this matter is continuing to receive preferred and top priority attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 17, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED] CORE Headquarters in New York called this afternoon and spoke with [REDACTED] in my office. [REDACTED] said that he merely wanted to go on record with us that CORE was most anxious to secure possession of the burned-out station wagon utilized by the three victims in this case when all prosecutive action in the case is completed. [REDACTED] said the station wagon in question was registered to CORE. [REDACTED]

It was explained to [REDACTED] that this station wagon was of evidentiary value and that its ultimate disposition would not be up to the FBI but that we would, of course, make his call a matter of record.

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 21, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY,  
ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIMS  
(DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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On 9/18/64, Sheriff Lawrence Rainey of Neshoba County, Philadelphia, Mississippi, who is a suspect in captioned matter, advised his office had received subpoenas to serve on Bureau personnel for their appearance before the Neshoba County Grand Jury which would hear testimony concerning the murders of James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman. Sheriff Rainey advised he has subpoenas for [REDACTED] of the Jackson Office, [REDACTED] and four Special Agents. Bureau personnel to appear 9/28/64. b7C

Inasmuch as AAG Burke Marshall and his Number One Man John Doar were at Meridian, Mississippi, over the week end in connection with the Federal Grand Jury which will commence at Biloxi, Mississippi, today, the Jackson Office was instructed to discuss the above developments with AAG Marshall and Mr. Doar. This was done and in accordance with AAG Marshall's request, Inspector Sullivan will contact Rayford Jones, District Attorney, Neshoba County, this morning and advise him that Bureau personnel for whom Sheriff Rainey holds subpoenas are needed in connection with the Federal Grand Jury commencing today at Biloxi. It is noted that the subpoenas have not as yet been served on Bureau personnel.

In connection with the Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, the Jackson Office has obtained the names of the 23 jurors who were impaneled as members of the Grand Jury along with the identities of four substitute jurors. The names of these individuals have been searched through Bureau indices and no pertinent information identifiable with any of the jurors was revealed based on available identifying data.

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Although Bureau indices were negative concerning

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ACTION:

This matter is being closely followed and you will be  
advised of pertinent developments.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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| Mr. Belmont  | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr     | ✓ |
| Mr. Casper   | ✓ |
| Mr. Callahan | ✓ |
| Mr. DeLoach  | ✓ |
| Mr. Evans    | ✓ |
| Mr. Gale     | ✓ |
| Mr. Rosen    | ✓ |
| Mr. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Mr. Tavel    | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter  | ✓ |
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| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/ ATTN FBI LABORATORY  
FROM JACKSON /44-1/ 1P

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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ROBERT OWEN HAS REQUESTED THE APPEARANCE  
OF [REDACTED] BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT BILOXI,  
MISS., ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. TWENTYTHREE NEXT AT NINE AM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS THE  
MOST COMPETENT WITNESS TO SUPPLY THIS TESTIMONY. HIS APPEARANCE  
IS REGARDED AS NECESSARY BY OWEN AND IT MAY REQUIRE SEVERAL DAYS  
TO COMPLETE HIS PRESENTATION. OWEN HAS NOT NAMED ANY SPECIFIC  
EXHIBITS DESIRED. [REDACTED]

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AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY

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(Bufile: 44-25706)  
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Re Buairtel to Tampa, dated 9/3/64, captioned

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Enclosed for the Bureau, Tampa, and Jackson, is one copy of Classification Material, dated 8/19/64, regarding which includes his Psychiatric Evaluation. b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] b7C  
At Springfield, Missouri:

On 9/10/64, Warden and Chief Medical Officer, Medical  
Center for Federal Prisoners, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C  
On 9/10/64, [REDACTED] Medical Center  
for Federal Prisoners, advised he is the Staff Psychiatrist  
handling [REDACTED] case. The man is mentally ill and incom-  
petent. He was advised of the contents of his letter to  
J. EDGAR HOOVER and his comment that he has information about  
the murder of the three Civil Rights Workers in Mississippi.  
It is his opinion that this is a figment of his imagination  
but he thought it would be best to talk with [REDACTED] He  
noted that oftentimes [REDACTED] writes letters and then  
recants what is in the letters. b7C

On 9/10/64, [REDACTED] was interviewed.  
He asked to see the letter he had written to Mr. HOOVER dated  
8/22/64 and the letter was shown to him. He acknowledged  
writing the letter and quickly commented that he means no  
physical harm to HOOVER or any FBI Agent. He is mad at the  
FBI because he thinks the FBI is reading his mail and he  
particularly objects to the FBI reading his letters to his  
female friends. He said he is Sicilian and when he gets  
mad he takes out his vengeance in the form of letters and  
he has never physically hurt anyone and does not intend to.  
He stated he is "legally mad" at the FBI since they arrested  
him for extortion and are the cause of his present confinement.  
He wants to be left alone. He was told the FBI is not reading  
his mail. He offered to help the FBI upon his release in any  
way he could. b7C, b7D

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KC [REDACTED] b2C

He admitted he has absolutely no information about the murder of the three Civil Rights Workers in Mississippi but was afraid if he did not put something in the letter the FBI would not pay any attention to him.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 22, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MICHAEL SCHWERNER  
ANDREW GOODMAN

JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

b7C 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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While talking with John Doar, he mentioned that the grand jury proceedings at Biloxi in the above-entitled matter seemed to be going along acceptably. He said the first witness they called

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Doar stated that they are moving along faster than was expected and that the report he gets is that today's testimony went a little better than yesterday's.

## ACTION BEING TAKEN:

You will be advised of any further developments of pertinence.

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To: SAC, Jackson (44-1)

From: Director, FBI (44-25706)

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The Exhibits Section, Administrative Division, has completed map requested in referenced airtel and is forwarding it by air express to the Resident Agency at Meridian, Mississippi, under Bill of Lading No. A5413588. Upon receipt, this map should be immediately delivered to Departmental Attorney D. Robert Owen.

The rough sketch prepared by SA [REDACTED] is being returned in the package with the completed map. Finished map size is 40" x 40". b7C

At conclusion of hearing, the Bureau should be advised, attention: Exhibits Section, regarding use and value of visual aids used.

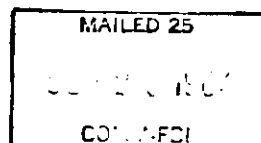
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Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

REC 30

TO : Director, FBI (44-25706)

DATE: 9/19/64

FROM : SAC, Jackson (44-1)

SUBJECT: MIBURN

Enclosed herewith is a report of CARLTON WALLACE

MILLER

b7C, b7D

MILLER has attributed his information to conversations which he overheard or participated in during his dealings with various Klansmen in Lauderdale and Neshoba Counties. He denies that he participated in the activities which he describes, is able to vouch to the activities only to the degree he knows of no reason why erroneous information would be given to him. Based on our investigations to date, it is possible that his description of these events is accurate. We have had no reason to challenge his credibility. The information he has furnished concerning Klan activities which we have been able to check has been accurate.

To set this data forth in the details of a report will jeopardize the informant's life; therefore, this will be treated as administrative matter when it is reported.

- ② - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Jackson

b7C [redacted] bjm  
(3)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

REC-MAIL RM

THE

[illegible]

all  
b7C  
b7D

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[REDACTED] heard the car was on its way to Birmingham [REDACTED]

The next conversation I recall was between Frank and Jim [REDACTED]

all  
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b7D

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The  
minister stated "No, they are at least 15 feet deep." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706

TELETYPE

FROM JACKSON /44-1/

Office of Origin  
MIBURN, OO JACKSON, SUMMARY TELETYPE FOR SEPTEMBER TWO THREE

INSTANT.

REMYTEL NINE TWENTYTWO LAST. RE DEVELOPMENT AT PHILADELPHIA  
AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

PROGRESS OF <sup>Federal Grand Jury</sup> FGJ AT BILOXI, MISS. AS OF MORNING OF SEPTEMBER  
TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

TWELVE WITNESSES APPEARED AT FGJ AT BILOXI, MISS. ON NINE TWENTY-  
ONE LAST AND TWENTYONE WITNESSES ON NINE TWENTYTWO LAST

TWO WITNESSES ON  
MORNING OF NINE TWENTYTHREE INSTANT APPEARED FOR COMPLETE TESTIMONY

IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, FIRST WITNESS WILL BE CALLED

RE PROGRESS OF FGJ AT BILOXI, MISS. ON THIS DATE.

ELEVEN WITNESSES APPEARED BEFORE FGJ IN BILOXI THIS DATE.

TESTIMONY WAS COMPLETED

ON NINE TWENTYFOUR NEXT FIRST WITNESS WILL BE CALLED

END PAGE ONE  
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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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IDENTIFICATION OF EDGAR RAY ~~QUOTE~~ "PREACHER" ~~QUOTE~~ KILLEN THIS DATE  
BY [REDACTED] b7C, b7D

[REDACTED] PERSONALLY OBSERVED EDGAR RAY ~~QUOTE~~ "PREACHER" ~~QUOTE~~  
KILLEN THIS DATE WHILE KILLEN WAS DRESSED IN SUIT AND TIE AT F&J, BILOXI  
MISS. [REDACTED] POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED KILLEN AS BEING THE MEMBER OF ABDUC-  
TION GROUP REFERRED TO AS ~~QUOTE~~ "PREACHER" ~~QUOTE~~. b7C, b7D

KKK ACTIVITIES, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISS. FURTHER ACTION TAKEN TO  
COUNTERACT KLAN DESCRIBED IN MIBURN SUMMARY NINE TWENTYTWO LAST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

RE NESHOPA COUNTY GRAND JURY, PHILADELPHIA, MISS.

SHERIFF LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, NESHOPA COUNTY SO, PHILADELPHIA, MISS., AND COUNTY ATTORNEY RAYFORD JONES, NESHOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, ADVISED THIS DATE BY BUAGENT THAT AGENTS WHO HAD RECEIVED SUBPOENAS TO APPEAR AT NESHOPA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, NINE TWENTY EIGHT NEXT BEFORE GRAND JURY, WOULD BE UNABLE TO APPEAR PER INSTRUCTIONS OF <sup>ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL</sup> ~~AAG~~ BURKE MARSHALL, DUE TO ~~FG~~ PRESENTLY SITTING AT BILOXI, MISS. THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT FURNISHED TO CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE O. H. BARNETT, INASMUCH AS HE WAS SEATED ON THE BENCH FOR CIVIL TRIAL. COUNTY ATTORNEY, RAYFORD JONES, ADVISED HE WOULD FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO THE JUDGE.

SA [REDACTED] RECEIVED SUBPOENA TO APPEAR AT NINE AM, NINE TWENTYEIGHT NEXT WHILE TALKING TO COUNTY ATTORNEY RAYFORD JONES. THIS SUBPOENA WAS SERVED BY SHERIFF RAINEY PERSONALLY. b7c

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WFO 44-553

It should be noted that [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is definitely a mental case and has spent time in St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital and in the Mental Ward at the Navy Veterans' Hospital at Perry Point, Maryland. b7C, b7D

In view of the above, WFO contemplates no further action in this matter and due to [REDACTED] apparent mental condition no acknowledgment of receipt this resume should be made. b7C

F B I

Date: 9/25/64

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 Mr. Belmont  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. Casper  
 Mr. Callahan  
 Mr. Conrad  
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 Miss Gandy
Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-553)

MIBURN

Enclosed for Bureau is the original copy of a 25 page handwritten resume regarding the three Civil Rights Workers found in Mississippi.

This resume was made available to SA [redacted] on 9/25/64, by one [redacted] Negro male, who resides at [redacted]

[redacted] acknowledged to SA [redacted] that the contents of the resume is the result of extensive research regarding the racial situation in Mississippi and specifically the murder of the three Civil Rights workers in that state. He added that all of the information set forth was obtained from numerous magazine and newspaper articles and that he has no personal knowledge concerning the murder of the three workers. b7C b7D

Reference is made to Buairtel to WFO dated 6/17/64, wherein [redacted] had written to [redacted] telling him the location of the victims' bodies. b7C, b7D

[redacted] was interviewed on 7/21/64, by SA [redacted] and stated on that occasion that the information furnished [redacted] was obtained exclusively from magazine and newspaper articles and that he had no personal knowledge as to the location of the victims' bodies. b7C, b7D

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1 - WFO

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SEP 28 1964

ENCLO. BEHIND FILE

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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paper dated June 23, 1964 in paragraphs (13) and (14) which was for one of the main reasons of which was to investigate the activities of these three persons the News Paper and magazine stated that Mr Price said but due to these three men in the station wagon together that was another reason for the above stated investigation of which were the two white according to what News paper and magazine said or stated that Mr Price said and also in regards to these News paper and magazine of these two white were meaning for Andrew Goodman age 21 white of whom lived with his mother and father Mr and Mrs Robert W. Goodman whose address is 161 West 86 Street New York City and Mr Michael Schwerner white whose age is 24 and address is 3647 Henry Street of Brooklyn Heights New York whose mother and father is Mr and Mrs Nathan Schwerner of Pelham Westchester County New York and also Mr James Chaney a Negro whose age is 31 of Marion Mississippi whose mother and father is Mr and Mrs Benjamin Chaney, and as stated before the case really started when these people were stopped for speeding of which led to them going to jail

and paying a fine or a bond of \$21.00 according to news paper and magazines and also to their disapp-  
-pearance of which was due to some information from a magazine called the reporter of the May 21 1964 iss-  
-ue on page 61 by Mr Richard We-  
-ally the statement is titled it  
-will be a hot summer in missis-  
-sippi that states for some weeks  
Civil rights forces and the state  
of mississippi have been maneu-  
-vering in preparation for a summer  
confrontation which shows that the  
people of mississippi were prepared  
and getting better prepared to meet  
the civil rights group or groups  
in maintaining its rights of which  
is based on Confederacy Slavery  
and the reconstruction of the south  
and by these people of that  
state not fully understanding all  
of this information befor hand the  
continued to believe in the above  
stated rights that makes it  
possible for these people to  
segregate and dominate on the  
one hand, but it would be a  
crime on the other of which was  
an error on these people part,  
then too the civil right leader also  
made this same error with the  
misunderstanding of the history.

of Confederacy or the word in mean-  
ing Confederacy and the history of  
slavery and also the reconstruction  
-ion of the Constitution of which  
shows in the first magazine dated  
July 23, 1964 on page 24 and 25  
called non racing NAACP beats  
groups to tests, find also the Pitts-  
burgh Courier dated July 18, 1964  
page 4 column 5 and 6 called  
Beatings Burnings and bombings in  
Mississippi, and also there is  
news paper called the metropolitan  
Epitaph dated July 13, 1964 of which  
there is a statement on page 7  
column (5) to (6) called some Negroes with  
while others die, which will also show  
that the above stated information has  
a error along with this statement that  
I have written because these leaders  
sent those students into the state  
of Mississippi due to the fact that  
the students themselves thought  
that they knew enough about their  
laws to protect themselves and  
while doing so they could make  
themselves some money this sum-  
-er which is just about over this  
-ing the above stated civil rights  
activity, and according to these  
papers the civil right leader-  
-were using these students as  
pawns or decoys to prove to  
the federal government and the

rest of the world that these harassments did take place and that they needed help, so this was where the error was made, now getting back to the statement that was made in the reporter magazine by Mr Woolley which is stated it will be a hot summer in Mississippi that state for some time or weeks civil rights forces and the state of Mississippi have been maneuvering in preparation for a summer Confrontation which means an act of Confronting an accused person with witnesses against him, then too this statement goes on to state that the Civil rights groups united in Mississippi under the name of the Council of Federated Organization also known as COFO of which have announced plans to bring at least a thousand college students into the state from around the country and that the state officials declare which mean that these state officials would make known by their actions of arrest and harassments and also intimidations and also beatings bombings and burnings which is for any charge that they would use to make themselves a case that would hide the above

stated action of Crime; as this  
 statement that I am now writing  
 which shows from the reported m-  
 agazine that states that the state  
 of mississippi officials declare  
 themselves firmly committed to  
 maintain law and order on the  
 one hand and to thwart COFO on  
 the other which means that these  
 civil rights worker would be oppos-  
 -ed of their will as this word thwar-  
 also means to hinder or obstruct or  
 prevent and obstruct and means  
 to build up bar or prevent full-  
 ment of wishes desires or intent-  
 ion and this meant that the civil  
 right groups or group knew to much  
 about the above stated activities  
 and who was behind and doing  
 it, and also how and why they were  
 getting by with it, to Mr. Schwern-  
 er and Mr. Chaney along with Mr.  
 Goodman were targets in regards  
 to the above statement and of what  
 they had seen incl. knew which  
 concerns a Church burning or bomb-  
 ing that was located in Bogalusa  
 Mississippi Community of which  
 is where these harassment and  
 the destruction of the Church took  
 place on June 18, 1964 but there  
 in the state of mississippi there  
 isn't such a name as Bogalusa.  
 So we go back to the reporter

magazine that states that the COFO  
 groups or group was preparing  
 for a Summer confrontation of  
 which shows that these Civil rights  
 people were making an error along  
 with the officials of Mississippi,  
 but still would confront themselves.  
 On the bases of what this Civil  
 rights group knew that was taking  
 place in that state and so they  
 confronted each other but the Civil  
 rights groups wanted some rights  
 of some kind due to the beatings  
 & bombings and also burnings and  
 arrest and harassments & harass-  
 ments or harass means to worry  
 and you know what worry means and  
 harass also means to vex which mean  
 to shake toss and trouble, also ha-  
 rass means to prolong or often repeated  
 molestation which means an act of  
 persistent annoyance and unlaw-  
 ful interference, because the statem-  
 ent goes on to say that neither side  
 is certain about the strategy of the  
 other, neither seems entirely certain  
 of its own, the COFO leaders whom  
 are Mr Aaron Henry Mr Peter Country-  
 man Mr Robert Moses along with  
 the NAACP and three other Organiz-  
 -ation such as the CORE and S.N.C.C.  
 and the S.L.C.C. of which associate  
 as one to raise raise money to help

each other of which most of these  
 organizations are religious groups  
 and this is why churches are bombed  
 or burned because these people mean-  
 ing the above stated negro organization  
 receive a lot of their money from  
 their disability compensation of which  
 is from the VA up here in the  
 or all over the then with the above stated  
 money they use it for such activities  
 as trying to hold the civil rights off the  
 Constitution and the people of Miss-  
 issippi didn't like the tricks of  
 what these negro groups are doing  
 due to the fact that most white  
 people feel that negroes have never  
 been anything but just a nigger and  
 a slave in most cases and that  
 the white people feel also that the  
 negro has looked to him for sup-  
 port most all the time, but these  
 groups or organizations are taking  
 the above stated action to receive  
 jobs because all or most of the jobs  
 are withheld from the negro be-  
 cause he is segregated and discrim-  
 inated out of them due to the fact  
 that the white people feel that  
 if the negro obtain any type of  
 job which pays him a good a-  
 mount of money it won't be long  
 before the negro will become  
 independent and so the white

people don't want the negroe to be  
 able to become independent at least  
 not through his support, also the  
 negroe population have been kept  
 the lowest race of man kind, and  
 since they have such places like  
 the state of mississippi hate  
 the negroe and so they been trying  
 to kill them all or inslave them  
 of which has been out lawed  
 since 1860 or 1861 and so the  
 younger generation know that they  
 haven't did anything to be in slave  
 -d for or killed for, so these group  
 or organizations are trying to stop  
 some of this killing bombings  
 and also burnings, and so the more  
 that the negroe in that state gets  
 killed or bombed the more that  
 these people or organizations will  
 try to stop it, and so the white  
 people feel that as long as they  
 are supporting the negroe they don't  
 do anything to him, such as killing  
 rapings bombings burnings and  
 this is one of the main reasons  
 why these organizations got toge-  
 ther, and the other is to get  
 jobs and try to better him self so  
 as he could relieve him self of the  
 compensation from the U.S. of which  
 he is receiving

10,  
and with the above stated action  
these groups talk of a peaceful pr-  
ogram because its beginning to get  
nigger and will soon turn into a  
war that will spread due to the  
fact that these groups or organizations  
have gotten so that they hate the  
way that the white people have did  
and as these church burnings and  
bombings and hangings and beatings  
take place the negro feel that the  
hasnt did anything for to be treated  
in this manner for, and the white  
feel that the negro has, and so they  
are going to keep right on killing  
along with the other stated activity  
of which is above, because the white  
are spending far too much money in  
compensating the negro population...  
without receiving something in  
return, and so to cut down on  
paying out so much money being paid  
but each month these white people  
of that state do what they think  
is right and will help them by get-  
ting these negroes out of the way or  
by letting them know that they  
cant tolerate with the above  
stated action, and so this political  
education for negroes as stated in  
the magazine was to try and hinder  
the people of that state from getting  
away with what they were doing of  
which is the activity that is above.

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got faith in this statement because  
the statement in the magazine goes  
on to state that the Civil rights  
leaders talk of a peaceful program  
of political education for Negroes  
while anticipating which means that  
even though that these groups or  
organizations knew that they were  
going to get into trouble they were  
trying to fight back and this brought  
on the action of Mississippi's high  
authorities and local authorities to  
protect the state fellow Mississippians  
because anticipating which means  
① to enjoy make use of in a  
advance ② to realize and suffer  
from in advance ③ to be beforehand  
with a person in taking action  
thus to forestall or prevent ④  
to foresee another's orders or wish  
and carry it out in advance ⑤ to  
expect look forward to a hopefu-  
lly as the last number of which  
number ⑤ that means violence,  
and so in other words the Civil  
rights groups were looking for  
trouble to start so that they  
could prove to the federal Gov-  
ernment of the above stated ac-  
tion along with harassments of which  
has taking place and of whom  
were behind it all, then the statement  
continues to state that the state  
officials with drastic new laws

which means violent active, meaning that these state officials act-  
 ed violently to get the new laws  
 passed and in action so as to pre-  
 sent these Civil rights groups from  
 participating in their activity which  
 was getting ready for Civil rights  
 equal justice and social equi-  
 ty for all which further meant  
 that this action would put a  
 stop to the hanging and shooting  
 and also bombing or burning of  
 white people of whom was associated  
 with Negroes and Negroes homes and  
 also churches in that state of Miss-  
 issippi, and drastic also means hav-  
 ing a powerful effect which means  
 to act with force by means of  
 thoroughgoing which means the  
 opposite of compromise which m-  
 eans an arrangement reached bet-  
 ween parties in a dispute of any  
 kind in which each side gives up  
 something and so uncompromised  
 means not compromising and  
 not given to making compromises  
 and admitting of no compromises  
 plus it means inflexible determ-  
 ined decided unyielding and  
 strict, of which means from the  
 above statements of the officials  
 of Mississippi went all out to  
 stop whatever Civil rights act-  
 ivity that the Civil rights

group or groups were participate-  
 -ting in, and also the Mississippi  
 -pi officials brought forth this  
 drastic passage of new laws to pre-  
 vent the negroes from acting  
 against their segregated mode of  
 -lives and thinking of their way  
 of life plus these Mississippi off-  
 -ficials also wanted to show disor-  
 -der of the passage of the Civil rights  
 bill and so the statement continues  
 to state that Mississippi officials  
 also passed new laws and build  
 up the police force in hope by  
 a show of force to keep up their  
 harassments of Civil rights groups.  
 And it is stated in this same mag-  
 -azine of which is the reporter they  
 -down the violence which means  
 to take this harassment action  
 in forcing these groups or organ-  
 -izations to stop their activities  
 which means to keep up this action  
 of which these officials have been  
 said to have been participating in  
 and sooner or later these Civil  
 rights groups or group would  
 become scared to make any  
 violence or to tell who or how  
 and why this harassment took  
 place to the federal govern-  
 -ment. and this is the full details  
 concerning this statement re-  
 -ferring to paragraph 1(2)(3) and

(4) and so paragraphs (5) through  
 (14) of this same statement of  
 Mr. Woodley states that Civil  
 rights groups were selecting  
 the best mannered students  
 from as many colleges and univer-  
 sities from around the coun-  
 -try to act so blandly which  
 means to speak and act with  
 good manners, and this same  
 Mr. Woodley's statement goes on  
 to state the Community Center  
 it was planning to obtain to  
 help out wherever they could  
 for the negroes and white people  
 as this information can be obtained  
 on page 21 of the May 31, 1964 issue  
 of the reporter magazine in par-  
 agraphs (2) through (3) or within  
 page (21) of the stated magazine,  
 and also on page 22 in the upper  
 left-hand corner the first paragraph  
 of that page, and paragraph (2)  
 states that the arrest of which  
 took place in Greenwood Miss-  
 issippi in protest against the  
 voter registration and that abuse-  
 -s have kept the COFO Center off  
 balance in one way but that the  
 COFO leaders hope to receive  
 some help from the federal go-  
 vernment which with its law  
 students acting with COFO groups  
 is maintaining some help, and

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the statement goes on to state the  
reasons for the above stated  
works of which is to work on the  
voter registration that is based  
on the Constitution of the United  
States that states that it was  
a little work done but hardly  
no work at all just time and  
money down the drain waiting  
for a chance to do something  
nice for themselves and the  
white people also, and the Wood-  
ley statement states that Miss-  
issippi has lagged far behind  
the rest of the South in the  
fight for legal voting rights and  
also this Woodley statement states  
that the SNCC and COFO and  
also NAACP and the CORE and  
plus the SCLC leaders were fr-  
ustrated which means that the  
stated groups were defeated  
whatever they started to do  
in a purpose to prevent these  
groups from accomplishing  
anything in which these groups  
participated in, and that Gov.  
Orval Faubus Johnson Jr made  
it his business to take part in  
the statements of which is brow-  
-night forth concerning this activ-  
ity as the word official or  
officialism means a person  
who holds a public office (2)

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a person in authority or in a office  
appointed to act as judge in an  
ecclesiastical Court usually styled  
an official principal and on this same  
page it states that these groups  
had intended to confront them-  
selves to arrest and harassment until  
they could prove that they needed  
Federal help which shows that  
from the Statment on page 22  
that most of the harassment is  
taking place in Greenwood Miss-  
issippi and that the other officials  
know that this was happening and  
followed through with the  
same action. Mississippi June  
21, 1964 of the New York Times New-  
paper it states that Governor  
Paul B. Johnson said that this  
bill will divide the people of  
the nation and cause Civil Strife  
which the word Civil means perta-  
ining to a Citizen, to political  
rights of Citizens and laws con-  
nected with private rights and  
wrongs and the word Strife means  
oppression pain and strong obstinate  
of conflict struggle and combat and  
also it means controversy recipr-  
ocal and hostile action and  
quarrelling war, and Mr Johnson  
also said that Chaotic Conditions  
which means greatly disordered

Confused intermingled in hope-  
 less confusion, and this meant  
 that this action would take place  
 and bringing confusion and after-  
 wards it would confuse any one  
 of which was trying to get out  
 just who did it and Mr Charles  
 Ramsey also said the above  
 statement only he said that this  
 would take place in Greenwood  
 Jackson Biloxi and Lake  
 County Mississippi which is  
 near the Choctaw Indian reser-  
 vation and near Philadelphia Me-  
 shole County Mississippi, and  
 in the New York Times newspaper  
 dated June 21, 1964 it states th-  
 at Mississippi were waiting for  
 the Civil rights groups or group  
 to come to that state and were  
 also looking for the police force  
 of that state to check the Civil  
 rights drive this summer, so the  
 Civil rights students were warned  
 not to go to Mississippi and if  
 they did the FBI would try to  
 protect them but that it was not  
 a police force, so the Civil right  
 workers left for Mississippi  
 some by plane train bus and some  
 went to Mississippi by car acc-  
 ording News papers Magazines  
 of which is News week Magazine  
 dated July 6, 1964 page 14 and 15

and that these three of whom  
 left Oxford Ohio were the first  
 of the Civil rights groups to  
 arrive in Mississippi of which  
 were Mr Andrew Goodman and  
 Mr James Chaney and also Mr  
 Michael Schwerner, also it states  
 in this same magazine that  
 Mississippi officials escalated  
 which means Climbing or scaling  
 by means of ladders specifically  
 an attack on with a view to  
 penetrating and capturing, and  
 this also means that a fortress  
 or Citadel and this word means  
 a fortress protecting a town the  
 chief point of defence in a for-  
 tified town hence a place  
 of refuge and retreat, and so  
 the statement goes to state that  
 the very first day it began last  
 week the freedom summer camp-  
 aign mounted by a coalition of  
 Civil rights groups and the World  
 Coalition means a act or a process  
 of fusion and it also means tem-  
 porary union of forces by political  
 parties for a particular purpose  
 On the understanding that neither  
 party abandons its distinctive  
 principles which further means  
 that the Civil rights groups or  
 groups knew what these people

in mississippi were doing concerning the hangings and shooting and also burnings or burnings of homes and churches and of whom was behind it and who were getting away with it and for one thing the people of mississippi had seemed to tell who was doing it even if they knew the law seemed all because of other statements of which are brought forth in <sup>the</sup> statement and also these mississippians didn't want the negro population to obtain the Constitutional rights of which the above statement was the talk of people in and around that state and also the County including news papers and magazines and anyone may be able to see just who is responsible or whom did this act by taking a good dictionary and the statements of each person and check each word stated by that person all the way through say if you take the word did and do madam and check such words in the dictionary and break these words up into syllables and one can catch up with anyone who makes a statement of anything because a good dictionary will explain what each word means that he has stated,

Due to the fact that there are  
 a lot of different stories in the  
 news papers and magazine &  
 of which are trying to tell just  
 what did happen to the three  
 civil rights workers and of  
 whom killed them but none know  
 it seem that no one would come  
 out and say who the killers are  
 as it was mostly because they be-  
 rent share. As they tried to tell  
 the side of which they under-  
 stood that was some truth and  
 some exaggerations in order to  
 make themselves some money of  
 which which Gregory said ac-  
 cording to the news papers and  
 magazine & that he would pay  
 to anyone having information  
 leading to finding the three  
 civil rights workers dead or  
 alive along with other inform-  
 ation of which he has said  
 and the reason Mr. Gregory made  
 the above statement was because  
 he wanted to help fine the two  
 white men Mr. Andrew Goodman  
 and Mr. Michael Schwerner were  
 Mr. Gregory's main hope as to  
 the fact that these people were  
 trying to help even though if they  
 were trying to make some  
 money. Then too there was  
 Mr. Chaney that also tried to

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help that would mean quite  
a sum of money to them if  
they could have proven what  
these people were doing in  
Mississippi of which ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> statements as brought forth  
in this statement, and Mr. Shroy  
also offered the reward so he could  
get as much information as possible  
on whom was doing it so he  
could make his money back through  
a suit in fact the whole civil  
rights groups have planned to  
sue the state of Mississippi  
Once they find out who is behind  
it of which is why it's been so  
difficult to bring forth these  
killers due to the fact that  
it's the Mississippi officials  
of which are closely associated  
with the KKK and that the  
killers of the three civil rights  
workers are Mr. Cecil Price and  
Mr. Glen Burroughs Mr. Edwin Cole  
and Mr. Lawrence Rainey Mr. Char-  
les Simpson Mr. Richard Shelton  
Mr. Ross Barnett Mr. Paul Johnson  
Mr. M. Fierce Mr. R. Thompson  
Mr. G. Ray and Mr. L. Warren and  
of all they said Mr. Price stated he  
stopped the three civil rights station-  
wagon this was done so as to in-  
vestigate for the speeding charge  
and the rest of them page of

which Mr Price wanted to know  
 plus Mr Price also wanted to  
 check on the personal inside of  
 the Station Wagon so Mr Price  
 has said to have taken the three  
 men to jail and this is where  
 he really found by looking through  
 the Station Wagon and checking  
 the statements of the three men  
 he found out just like these people  
 were and what they were doing in  
 that state as this proof from the  
 three would be turn over to  
 fellow mississippi official the  
 with the records that was to  
 be acknowledged by them, so by  
 then Mr Wiggs and Mr Joe of which  
 was helping Mr Price was  
 telling as many other officials know  
 what they had count up with so  
 after knowing the activity these  
 men was engaged in of which he  
 had stopped Mr Price started  
 making things difficult which  
 gave the three Civil rights work-  
 er the idea that they were  
 real trouble but it wasn't anything  
 they could do until they had  
 freedom again but they would  
 never be free because the miss-  
 issippi officials knew that  
 they had the right people of  
 which they had concluded had  
 committed an act of treason and

Conspiracy as these Mississippi  
 officials were in communication  
 with fellow officials and their w-  
 ives or girls friends along with  
 this Mr Rainey told Mr Price what  
 to do, but Mr Price knew what to  
 do anyway because Mr Johnson made  
 a few speeches and by lots  
 of other official meetings and  
 along with this was a promoter  
 and a metal so Mr Price got all  
 the information that he could then  
 release them, and by now everything  
 was set up the tip off people were  
 waiting for them to leave the st-  
 ation and this is where Rainey came  
 in to play his part so now that  
 Mr Price had performed his duty  
 there would be some one that would  
 take care of them and to the  
 other official jilt that if these  
 Civil rights people were allow-  
 ed to continue socialize and  
 to think of their reason for be-  
 ing there in that state of which  
 is Mississippi and therefore these  
 some men formed a mob not  
 far from Philadelphia Mississi-  
 ppi or anywhere that these peop-  
 le came across these Civil  
 rights workers. and about 5 or  
 6 miles from Philadelphia Missis-  
 sippi is where these Civil rights  
 workers were sighted and

Stopped at gun point and so  
 the mob of the above named  
 officials that was Joe Biggs  
 Cole Simpson in fact the names  
 of the above stated named  
 Mississippi officials were they  
 were the only ones that knew about these  
 three and knew what to do about  
 them as no one else knew too much  
 concerning the Civil rights workers  
 actively and it the duty of these  
 Mississippi officials to protect  
 and uphold its Mississippi way  
 of life of which is based on slavery  
 and segregation and lots more as  
 brought forth in the August  
 statement and this is how the three  
 Civil rights workers were killed  
 and Mr. Glen Burroughs died away  
 with body's hoping he could  
 make some money either from  
 Mr. Eberly due to the fact  
 that either he knew where the  
 bodies were or was lucky enough  
 to find the bodies and bury  
 them, but how did he know there  
 would be a reward? So Thursday  
 there was a reward stated in the  
 Washington Daily News and from Sun-  
 day to Thursday is for or five days  
 that either way Mr. Burroughs is getting  
 because he hid the body so he  
 could get the money

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because in the statement made  
by him he didn't talk too much  
but still he knew something, and  
he didn't say other about stated of-  
ficials because the body is if  
found would have been further  
away but these people didn't  
think that anyone would in  
that spot where the body was  
located as it all was a big mo-  
ney plot and that's the reason  
it all happened to these  
three civil rights workers go  
rest their souls.

The end.

Signed

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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/ 5P

*Office of Origin*  
MIBURN. OO, JACKSON.

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPT. TWENTYONE INSTANT.

REMYTEL SEPT. TWENTY LAST, RE DEVELOPMENTS AT PHILADELPHIA  
AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

INFORMATION REGARDING PROGRESS OF GRAND JURY, BILOXI, MISS.,  
THIS DATE.

THE GRAND JURY HAS BEEN CHARGED AND <sup>APPEARANCES</sup>ARRAIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN  
SCHEDULED.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ROBERT OWEN ADVISED THE FIRST WITNESS

WILL BE CALLED

LATE AFTERNOON THIS DATE AND INFORMATION FROM OTHER WITNESSES

WILL BE PRESENTED SEPT. TWENTYTWO NEXT,

AS FIRST MATTER ON AGENDA.

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| Mr. Tolson   |  |
| Mr. DeLoach  |  |
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VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES, NESHOPA COUNTY, MISS.

ON SEPT. SEVENTEEN LAST, SHERIFF LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, NESHOPA COUNTY, ADVISED BUAGENT THAT IT WAS NORMAL PRACTICE AT NESHOPA COUNTY TO CLOSE VOTERS REGISTRATION FOR NESHOPA COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE CIRCUIT COURT SITS AT PHILADELPHIA, MISS. HE STATED AN ORDER TO THIS EFFECT WAS BEING DRAWN UP FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TO SIGN.

ON SEPT. SEVENTEEN LAST, [REDACTED] <sup>COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATION</sup> COFO, PHILADELPHIA, MISS., DIRECTOR OF VOTER REGISTRATION, WAS ADVISED OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION BY BUAGENT. b7c

ON SEPT. NINETEEN, TWENTY, AND TWENTYONE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NESHOPA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, SPECIFICALLY DEPUTY SHERIFF CECIL PRICE, ADVISED COFO HEADQUARTERS IN PHILADELPHIA, MISS., THAT NO REGISTRATION FOR VOTERS WOULD BE ALLOWED UNTIL AFTER CIRCUIT COURT HAD COMPLETED ITS DOCKET, WHICH WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS FROM THE DATE COURT STARTED.

ON SEPT. TWENTYONE INSTANT, COUNTY ATTORNEY RAYFORD JONES, ADVISED BUAGENT THAT AN ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED BY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE DENYING ANYONE THE RIGHT TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN NESHOPA COUNTY UNTIL THE CIRCUIT COURT HAD COMPLETED ITS SITTING AT PHILADELPHIA, MISS., DUE TO THE FACT THAT ONLY ONE PERSON IS QUALIFIED REGISTRAR, THAT BEING CIRCUIT CLERK OF COURT.

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TWO GROUPS OF NEGROES, TOTALING SIX, ACCOMPANIED BY COFO WORKERS, APPEARED AT NESHOPA COUNTY COURTHOUSE AM THIS DATE. THEY WERE ADVISED BY DEPUTY SHERIFF CECIL RAY PRICE THAT THE CIRCUIT JUDGE HAD ISSUED AN ORDER THAT VOTER REGISTRATION WAS CLOSED AS LONG AS THE CIRCUIT COURT WAS IN SESSION. HE EXPLAINED THIS WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK WHO HANDLES VOTER REGISTRATION. POTENTIAL REGISTRANTS LEFT THE COURTHOUSE STEPS WITHOUT INCIDENT. ON HAND WERE CITY POLICE, DEPUTY SHERIFF PRICE, NESHOPA COUNTY AUXILIARY POLICE, AND MISS. HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROLMEN.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VOTER REGISTRATION ATTEMPT BY COFO WORKERS AND SIX NEGROES AT NESHOPA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY COMPLAINED TO BUAGENT AT PHILADELPHIA, THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THOSE ATTEMPTING TO REGISTER HAD BEEN DENIED WHEN THEY WERE DENIED ENTRANCE TO THE COURTHOUSE AND STATED HE ~~QUOTE~~" WOULD LIKE SOME TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT" ~~END QUOTE~~. b7c

[REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT HE WAS NOT FURNISHED WITH A COPY OF THE COURT ORDER, AND STATED THAT COFO ATTORNEY [REDACTED] WAS BEING DIRECTED TO THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE TO SECURE SAME. b7c

ON SEPT. TWENTYONE, INSTANT, DEPUTY SHERIFF PRICE AND COUNTY ATTORNEY RAYFORD JONES ADVISED BUAGENTS THAT [REDACTED] CAME TO CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE AND DEMANDED A COPY OF THE ORDER, WHICH HE WAS DENIED, BUT WHICH WAS READ TO HIM. A COPY OF THE ORDER WAS DENIED, INASMUCH AS THESE MUST BE OBTAINED BY ORDER OF THE CIRCUIT JUDGE, WHO HAD DEPARTED FOR LUNCH. b7c

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████████████████████ TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED DEPUTY SHERIFF PRICE ON SEPT. TWENTYONE INSTANT THAT AN ADDITIONAL ATTEMPT TO REGISTER VOTERS AT NESHOPA COUNTY WOULD BE MADE IN AM OF SEPT. TWENTYTWO NEXT. PRICE ADVISED THAT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, NESHOPA COUNTY, INSTRUCTED HIM THAT ANY PERSON ATTEMPTING TO REGISTER AT THE CIRCUIT CLERK OF COURT OFFICE ON SEPT. TWENTYTWO NEXT OR ANY SUBSEQUENT DATE DURING THE SITTING OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AT NESHOPA COUNTY, IS TO BE ARRESTED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ARREST WAS FURNISHED COFO HEADQUARTERS, PHILADELPHIA, MISS., BY BUAGENTS SEPT. TWENTYONE INSTANT, AND THEY ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO REGISTER ADDITIONAL WORKERS. REGISTRATION ATTEMPTS WILL BE OBSERVED BY BUAGENTS.

**KKK ACTIVITIES, LAUDERDALE AND NESHOBIA COUNTIES, MISS.**

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TO SAC JACKSON (44-1)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-25706)

MIBURN.

CIVIL DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT ADVISED FOLLOWING PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE RELATIVE TO SUBPOENAS SERVED ON BUREAU PERSONNEL CALLING/ THEIR APPEARANCE BEFORE LOCAL GRAND JURY AT PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, NINE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY FOUR:

U. S. ATTORNEY AT JACKSON WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH JUDGE O. H. BARNETT, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, HOWARD E. SHAPIRO, U. S. ATTORNEY AND PROBABLY RAIFORD JONES WILL BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING AT WHICH TIME ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO HAVE JUDGE WITHDRAW SUBPOENAS.

IF THIS ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL, BUREAU AGENTS ACCOMPANIED BY USA AND SHAPIRO WILL APPEAR PHILADELPHIA COURT HOUSE, NINE O'CLOCK A. M., NINE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY FOUR AT WHICH TIME USA AND SHAPIRO WILL MOVE TO HAVE SUBPOENAS QUASHED OR MODIFIED SO BUREAU AGENTS CANNOT TESTIFY TO ANY OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION. IF THIS ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL, AGENTS WILL APPEAR BEFORE GRAND JURY WHEN CALLED AND

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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DECLINE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION IN LINE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT. IF AGENTS THEN BROUGHT BEFORE JUDGE BARNETT, THEY ARE TO MAINTAIN SAME POSITION AND CITE DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS.

IF JUDGE RULES AGENTS TO BE IN CONTEMPT AND LEVIES A FINE, IMPOSITION OF FINE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALED. IF JUDGE WANTS AGENTS HELD IN CONTEMPT AND ASKS THAT THEY BE DETAINED IN JAIL, DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE APPROPRIATE LEGAL PAPERS AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AND DEPARTMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FROM FEDERAL JUDGE SIDNEY MIZE TO HAVE AGENTS RELEASED.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY SHAPIRO TENTATIVELY DESIRES TO MEET WITH ALL BUREAU PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED ON SUNDAY, NINE TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYFOUR. INSURE ALL BUREAU PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED ARE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. SHAPIRO SHOULD CONTACT JACKSON AND COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SAC MOORE IN ORDER TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL AND CONFUSION.

INSURE ALL PERSONNEL HAVE LOCAL SUBPOENAS IN THEIR POSSESSION.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/ 2P

MIBURN. OO, JACKSON.

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPT. TWENTYFIVE INSTANT.

RE JACKSON TEL SEPT. TWENTYFOUR LAST, RE DEVELOPMENTS AT  
PHILADELPHIA AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

PROGRESS OF FEDERAL GRAND JURY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISS.,  
BILOXI, MISS., AS OF ADJOURNMENT, SEPT. TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT.

Federal Grand Jury  
TEN WITNESSES TESTIFIED BEFORE FGJ, SDM, BILOXI, MISS., THIS

DATE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS CONCLUDING WITNESS AT  
TODAYS SESSION, WHICH RECESSED FOR WEEKEND AT TWELVE FORTY P.M.

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RE NESHOPA COUNTY GRAND JURY.

ON SEPT. TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, SA [REDACTED] b7C IN THE  
PRESENCE OF RAYFORD JONES, COUNTY ATTORNEY, NESHOPA COUNTY, ADVISED  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE O.H. BARNETT THAT MR. BURKE MARSHALL, ASSISTANT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE, HAD REQUESTED THAT JUDGE BARNETT BE ADVISED THAT THE  
SAS OF THE FBI CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION PERTAINING TO THE THREE  
MURDERED CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS WOULD NOT HONOR NESHOPA COUNTY  
SUBPOENAS FOR SEPT. TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT. JUDGE BARNETT STATED  
THAT HE DID NOT DESIRE TO ACCEPT A VERBAL DECLINATION, BUT DESIRED  
THAT AN OFFICIAL OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT APPEAR ON BEHALF OF THE  
SAS, BEFORE THE NESHOPA COUNTY GRAND JURY AT HIS COURT OF SEPT.  
TWENTYEIGHT NEXT, CONCERNING WHY THE FBI AGENTS WOULD NOT APPEAR.

JUDGE BARNETT HAD NO CRITISM CONCERNING THE FBI OR ITS  
INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/ /ATTN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ALEX ROSEN/  
FROM JACKSON /44-1/ 1P

MIBURN. OO, JACKSON.

RETELCALL OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN TO INSPECTOR JOSEPH  
A. SULLIVAN, THIS DATE.

THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY CONVENED AT BILOXI,  
MISS., IS THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISS.

THE FOLLOWING BUAGENTS ON THE MIBURN SQUAD HAVE BEEN SERVED  
WITH SUBPOENAS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE NESHOPA COUNTY GRAND JURY;

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF THE JACKSON DIVISION HAVE ALSO BEEN SERVED WITH  
SUBPOENAS. b7C

THE SPECIFIC TITLE OF THE STATE COURT WHICH CONVENED THE  
GRAND JURY IN NESHOPA COUNTY, IS THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NESHOPA COUNTY.

THE NESHOPA COUNTY GRAND JURY WILL END AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS  
ON OCTOBER TWO NEXT.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 25, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *RW*

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7C*  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7C*  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7C*

In connection with the testimony before the Grand Jury today at Biloxi, Mississippi, Burke Marshall advised me that

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Marshall called to tell me that according to Departmental Attorney Robert Owen, who is presenting this case before the Grand Jury, [REDACTED] testimony was very impressive. Marshall said they considered this testimony as key material. *b3*

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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

With reference to subpoenas directed to Bureau Agents to testify before Neshoba County Grand Jury, Departmental Attorney Howard Shapiro, Civil Division, has advised that he and USA Hauberg ~~are~~ ARE scheduled to confer on 9-27-64, at Carthage, Mississippi, with Judge Barnett, Rayford Jones, Neshoba County District Attorney and W. H. Johnson, District Attorney Eighth Judicial District. At that time efforts will be made to have Judge Barnett release the Agents from the subpoenas.

If Judge Barnett refuses to do so, the Agents, represented by Shapiro and USA Hauberg ~~will~~ will honor the subpoenas by appearing but will, on the advise of the Acting Attorney General, respectfully decline to testify.

*John*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RV*

DATE: September 25, 1964

FROM :

[REDACTED] *b7C*

SUBJECT:

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1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7C*

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7C*

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7C*

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Departmental Attorney Howard Shapiro, Civil Division, Department of Justice, telephoned at approximately 6:30 p. m., this date, in connection with subpoenas directed to our Agents to testify before a grand jury, Neshoba County, Mississippi, on 9-28-64. He stated that he had arranged to confer at 2:00 p. m., Sunday, 9-27-64, at Carthage, Mississippi, with U. S. Attorney Hauberg, Biloxi, Mississippi; Judge Barnett, Eighth Judicial District, State of Mississippi; W. H. Johnson, Jr., District Attorney of Eighth Judicial District; and Rayford Jones, Neshoba County District Attorney, in an effort to avoid having Agents answer the subpoenas.

Mr. Shapiro suggested that prior arrangements for him to confer with the Jackson Agents who were subpoenaed at 4:00 p. m., 9-27-64, at Meridian, be set aside at this time. He indicated that he expected to fly to Jackson the evening of 9-26-64, and that he would get in contact with SAC Roy Moore, *Sunday morning 9/27/64,* so that he can make further arrangements dependent on the results of his conference with the aforementioned individuals at Carthage, Mississippi.

During a telephonic contact with SAC Moore on another matter at approximately 8:00 p. m., 9-25-64, he was advised that Mr. Shapiro would arrive in Jackson and would contact him concerning this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 25, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY,  
ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C

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## ACTION:

New York is closely following this matter and will advise the Bureau.

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We are taking this up immediately with Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall so that we can draft an immediate reply to Judge Barnett.

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FROM J EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR FBI JUSTICE DEPT WASHDC

YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO INSTRUCT ALL OF YOUR AGENTS  
THAT HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEATH OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS  
WORKERS WHOSE BODIES WERE FOUND IN NESHOPA, COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN AUGUST TO APPEAR IN PERSON AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN PHILADELPHIA  
MISSISSIPPI, AT NINE OCLOCK A.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 1964,  
PREPARED TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY ABOUT THIS MATTER

H BARNETT CIRCUIT JUDGE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE  
OF MISSISSIPPI ATTEST: T A SANSING CLERK CIRCUIT COURT NESHOPA,  
MISSISSIPPI (SEAL)

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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HONORABLE O. H. BARNETT  
JUDGE  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

FBI AGENTS REFERRED TO IN YOUR TELEGRAM WILL BE  
UNABLE TO TESTIFY BEFORE STATE GRAND JURY AT THIS TIME  
REGARDING DEATH OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS, AS THEY  
HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL  
NOT TO DISCLOSE BEFORE THAT GRAND JURY ANY INFORMATION  
RELATING TO MATERIAL OR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE  
FILES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OR ANY INFORMATION  
OBTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE INVESTIGATION. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I ASSUME  
THE AGENTS WILL BE EXCUSED FROM APPEARING BEFORE GRAND  
JURY ON MONDAY. RESPECTFULLY YOURS.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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URGENT 9-24-64 JWS

TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/

Office of Origin  
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SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR, INSTANT.

REJACKSON TEL DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE LAST  
RE DEVELOPMENTS AT PHILADELPHIA, AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

WHO RESIDE ON THE EAST SIDE OF ROUTE NINETEEN;

HAD

HEARD SHOTS IN THAT VICINITY ON THE EVENING OF JUNE TWENTYONE LAST. b7c, b7D

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MIGHT HAVE OBSERVED THE VICTIMS STATION WAGON IN THAT VICINITY. [REDACTED] THERE WERE NO OTHER CARS IN VICINITY OF THIS STATION WAGON. b7C, b7D

[REDACTED] HAD WORKED ON THE BURRAGE DAM. [REDACTED] HAD FILLED UP THE CORE DITCH OF DAM PRIOR TO MORNING OF JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST, AND THAT ON MORNING OF JUNE TWENTYTWO, LAST, HE BEGAN BUILDING THE DAM EARTH WORK OVER THE ALREADY FILLED UP CORE DITCH, WHERE BODIES OF THREE MISSING CIVIL RIGHTS VICTIMS WERE LATER LOCATED. b7C, b7D.

[REDACTED] TWO MOST NERVOUS INDIVIDUALS IN PHILADELPHIA AT PRESENT TIME ARE ~~QUOTE~~ "HOP" ~~END QUOTE~~ BARNETT AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] KNEW OF NO REASON WHY THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE AS NERVOUS AND UPSET AS THEY PRESENTLY ARE AS A RESULT OF THIS CASE. [REDACTED] HAD RECEIVED INFO INDICATING THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS SOURCE WHO FURNISHED FBI WITH PERTINENT INFO [REDACTED] CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN PHILADELPHIA AREA CONSIDER [REDACTED] AS BEING THE INFORMER.

[REDACTED] NOT ELABORATE ON WHO THESE PERSONS WERE WHO CONSIDERED [REDACTED] AS INFORMER. b7C, b7D

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[REDACTED] HAD NO FACTS OR CONCRETE EVIDENCE, HE IS OF OPINION THAT [REDACTED] IS INDIVIDUAL QUITE CAPABLE OF PULLING THE TRIGGER AND MURDERING THE THREE CIVIL RIGHTS VICTIMS. b7C, b7D

[REDACTED] HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED, AND INFO RE THE HEARINGS OF THE SHOTS IN THE VICINITY OF [REDACTED] RESIDENCE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED. NO INFO RE OBSERVING VICTIMS CAR WAS FURNISHED [REDACTED] WHEN INTERVIEWED. b7C, b7D

RE VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES, NESHABA COUNTY, MISS.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
HAD TO TAKE THREE DAYS OFF BECAUSE OF A BEATING HE HAD RECEIVED DUE TO HIS ATTEMPT TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN NESHABA COUNTY. [REDACTED] IN FACT DID NOT ATTEMPT TO REGISTER TO VOTE, BUT HIS b7C, b7D

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COUSIN REPORTEDLY DID SO ATTEMPT. LOGICAL INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

RE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT DIRECTED AGAINST ~~COFO~~ <sup>COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS</sup> AT PHILADELPHIA, MISS.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF PHILADELPHIA HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN TOLD TO FIRE [REDACTED] BECAUSE [REDACTED] WAS COOPERATING WITH COFO. LOGICAL INVESTIGATION WILL ALSO BE CONDUCTED CONCERNING THIS MATTER. b7C, b7D

MRS. MINNIE HERRING, WIFE OF NESHOPA COUNTY JAILER, ADVISED NOT NECESSARY TO CLEAR WITH <sup>JUSTICE OF PEACE</sup> ~~JP~~ FOR RELEASE OF SPEEDERS.

MRS. MINNIE HERRING, IN INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR INSTANT THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO CLEAR WITH JUSTICE OF PEACE BEFORE RELEASING SPEEDERS SUCH AS CHANEY AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN NORMAL NESHOPA COUNTY PROCEEDINGS, THAT A SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR SPEEDING VIOLATIONS WAS POSTED IN THE JAIL AREA WHERE THE BOOKS AND RECORDS WERE KEPT, AND THIS WAS USED AS A GUIDE IN SETTING BAIL OR ASSESSING FINES IN THE ABSENCE OF THE JUSTICE OF PEACE. THIS INFO WAS CHECKED AND VERIFIED. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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RE PROGRESS OF FEDERAL GRAND JURY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISS., BILOXI, MISS., THIS DATE.

SEVENTEEN WITNESSE APPEARED BEFORE THE ~~EGJ.~~ BILOXI, MISS.,  
THIS DATE. ALL TESTIMONY PERTAINED [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL WITNESSES TO BE CALLED ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE NEXT,

[REDACTED] GRAND JURY  
WILL BE RECESSED FOR WEEKEND AT TWELVE NOON, SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE NEXT.

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To: SAC, Jackson (44-1)

From: Director, FBI (44-25706)

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information on a confidential basis. b7C, b7D

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Above for your information.

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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

Miburn is code name of case involving the three civil rights workers whose bodies were found by FBI 8-4-64.

Information received [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Victims in Miburn case arrested 6-21-64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi, by local authorities and subsequently reported as missing later that day. Civil Rights Division aware of matter and requested no FBI investigation until afternoon 6-22-64. Prior to receiving this request, no basis for FBI inquiry as no reason to believe victims other than missing persons. Other publicity seekers have alleged in press that Agent stated FBI force in McComb reduced from 16 to 4 men. Allegation checked out and no truth to it.

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b7c [REDACTED]

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Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_ ✓  
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Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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ALL LAST SUMMER. FBI HAD SIXTEEN AGENTS THERE BUT, WHEN WHITE CIVILIAN WORKERS LEFT, FBI REDUCED TO FOUR. SINCE THEN, SIXTEEN BOMBINGS HAVE OCCURRED IN MC COMB VICINITY. LEVIN /PHONETIC/ ADDED THERE IS NO FEDERAL ACTIVITY HE IS AWARE OF IN MC COMB. SCHWERNER STATED HAD FBI RESPONDED BETWEEN SIX THIRTY P.M. AND TEN P.M. OF NIGHT OF KILLINGS, HE HAS FEELING PROBABLY THE THREE MURDER VICTIMS WOULD BE ALIVE. NO ONE FROM A FEDERAL AGENCY APPEARED ON NIGHT OF KILLINGS. SCHWERNER DOES NOT CARE IF FBI OR US MARSHALS ARE USED BUT URGED A FEDERAL FORCE. MORGENTHAU SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED SCHWERNER GROUP IN PRIVATE WITH Assistant United States Attorney <sup>5</sup> AUSAS VINCENT BRODERICK AND STEPHEN KAUFMAN. [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen *AW*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
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DATE: September 25, 1964

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Reference is made to the telegram received by the Bureau addressed to the Director by Circuit Judge O. H. Barnett of the 8th Judicial District, State of Mississippi, respectfully requesting that all of our Agents having information regarding the death of the three civil rights workers whose bodies were found in Neshoba County, Mississippi, in August, appear in person at the County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi, at nine o'clock, Monday, September 28, 1964, prepared to testify before a grand jury about this matter.

## ACTION TAKEN:

Upon receipt of this Western Union telegram, the matter was brought personally to the attention of Burke Marshall. Mr. Marshall has prepared an approved reply to the Judge. A copy of the draft is attached.

It appears to be acceptable and reads as follows:

"Honorable O. H. Barnett  
Circuit Judge  
Philadelphia, Mississippi

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44-25706-1215

"FBI Agents referred to in your telegram will be unable to testify before State Grand Jury at this time regarding death of three civil rights workers, as they have been instructed by the Acting Attorney General not to disclose before that grand jury any information relating to material or information contained in the files of the Department of Justice, or any

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, ET AL

Information obtained in connection with any official Department of Justice investigation. In the circumstances, I assume the Agents will be excused from appearing before grand jury on Monday. Respectfully yours,

"J. Edgar Hoover  
Director,  
FBI"

We have also received information from Mr. Marshall's office that Katzenbach has also received a telegram from the Judge requesting the appearance of the Agents and that he intends to reply to the effect that he has instructed the FBI not to disclose any information to the grand jury.

*we should get a copy* ← ← *Des. H*

Marshall mentioned that the telegram itself does not appear to have any legal obligation to comply as such; nevertheless he agrees that an answer should be prepared.

In addition to the above request of the Judge, we, of course, have specific subpoenas which have been issued against nine Special Agents, including [REDACTED]. The Department is preparing appropriate legal answers with reference to these individual subpoenas. We have not been advised of the exact language which they intend to use; however, this will be made available to us today inasmuch as the appearance of the Agents is called for September 28, 1964. b7c

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1. If approved, the attached telegram to the Judge should be sent to the Judge in accordance with the language used by the Department.
2. We will follow the Department for their answers concerning the specific subpoenas which have been issued.

You will be advised of further developments.

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*Approved*  
*9/24/64*

HONORABLE O. H. BARNETT  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

FBI AGENTS REFERRED TO IN YOUR TELEGRAM WILL BE UNABLE TO  
TESTIFY BEFORE STATE GRAND JURY AT THIS TIME REGARDING DEATH  
OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS, AS THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED  
BY THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL NOT TO DISCLOSE BEFORE THAT  
GRAND JURY ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO MATERIAL OR INFORMATION  
CONTAINED IN THE FILES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OR ANY  
INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I ASSUME THE  
AGENTS WILL BE EXCUSED FROM APPEARING BEFORE GRAND JURY ON  
MONDAY. RESPECTFULLY YOURS.

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR,  
FBI

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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

In connection with the Schwerner, Et. Al. case at Biloxi, a conference with the state judge is to be held Sunday afternoon. The Department attorneys feel that the attached statement should be used in discussing matter with judge. He may accept it in good faith and withdraw subpoenas for Agents. If he does not, Department plans to fight the subpoenas as previously indicated.

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When the federal proceedings are completed and at such time when it does not conflict with our federal obligation, we will fully cooperate with state and local authorities in making available such evidence and testimony as we possess pertaining to violations of local law.

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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URGENT 9-26-64 JWS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/

MEMPHIS. OO JACKSON.

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

RE JACKSON TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST, RE  
DEVELOPMENTS IN PHILADELPHIA AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

INVESTIGATION, PHILADELPHIA, MISS., SEPTEMBER  
TWENTYFIVE LAST REFLECTS NEGRO PRINCIPAL [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SENT FORTY  
STUDENTS HOME ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST FOR WEARING  
FREEDOM PINS AND REFUSING TO REMOVE SAME IN COMPLIANCE  
WITH LONG ESTABLISHED POLICY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
PHILADELPHIA, MISS. [REDACTED] FURNISHED  
MIMEOGRAPHED COPY OF LETTER SENT TO STUDENTS PARENTS  
SETTING FORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ACTED [REDACTED] IN COMPLIANCE  
67C, 67D  
WITH POLICY OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THEN ADVISED  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIRST LEARNED FROM PRINCIPAL  
[REDACTED] THAT STUDENTS WERE WEARING FREEDOM PINS AND  
ATTENDED CLASS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE LAST,  
AND PRINCIPAL SENT THEM HOME. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER  
TWENTYFOUR, LAST, PRINCIPAL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INSTRUCTED SOME FORTY NEGRO STUDENTS TO  
REMOVE FREEDOM PINS OR LEAVE SCHOOL. PRINCIPAL  
HANDLED MATTER WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS RETURNED  
TO SCHOOL. MOST PARENTS NOT AWARE STUDENTS WERE  
WEARING PINS AND IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY. [REDACTED] LEARNED  
COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS  
FROM PARENTS OF STUDENTS THAT COFO HAD MEETING WITH  
STUDENTS ON NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWO TWO LAST, WHERE  
END PAGE TWO. b7C, 67D

PAGE THREE

THEY BELIEVED STUDENTS WERE INSTRUCTED RE COFO PINS.

ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST,  
SUPERINTENDENT [REDACTED] BOARD OF EDUCATION, MEMBER  
[REDACTED] AND PRINCIPAL [REDACTED] PRESENT IN  
PRINCIPALS OFFICE, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
WHEN SUPERINTENDENT [REDACTED] TOLD COFO WORKER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE POLICY OF BOARD OF EDUCATION RE STUDENTS  
DRESS AND WEARING SUCH ITEMS AS FREEDOM PINS. [REDACTED]  
EXPLAINED TO [REDACTED] HE WAS NOT COMPELLED AS  
SUPERINTENDT TO ANSWER TO ANY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION,  
BUT HE WOULD EXPLAIN THE POLICY OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO [REDACTED] AS A MATTER OF COURTESY. b7C, b7D

[REDACTED] FURNISHED COPY OF STUDENTS HANDBOOK  
SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDUCT OF STUDENTS  
ATTENDING PHILADELPHIA, MISS., HIGH SCHOOLS. NO  
FREEDOM PINS WILL BE PERMITTED INSIDE THE SCHOOLS.

[REDACTED] STATED NO INTENT ON PART

END PAGE THREE

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OF ANY PERSONS TO DEPRIVE STUDENTS OF THEIR  
CIVIL RIGHTS. ~~LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM~~ <sup>LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM</sup> SUBMITTED, COVERING THIS INCIDENT.

MIBURN SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST,  
DESCRIBED PRESENCE OF VICTIMS VEHICLE IN VICINITY  
OF [REDACTED] RESIDENCE SOUTH OF PHILADELPHIA,  
MISS., ON ROUTE NINETEEN. SOURCE OF DATA IDENTIFIED  
AS [REDACTED] b7c, b7D

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FURNISHED INFO CONCERNING THE  
PRESENCE OF VICTIMS VEHICLE IN VICINITY OF

[REDACTED] RESIDENCE ON ROUTE NINETEEN, NEAR  
[REDACTED] RESIDENCE, EVENING OF JUNE TWENTYONE LAST.

AT THE TIME THE VEHICLE WAS IN THIS AREA, SHOTS WERE HEARD AND IN IS  
SUSPECTED THAT THE SHOTS WERE THE CAUSE OF VICTIMS DEATHS.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THIS DATA WAS RELATED TO DEPARTMENTAL  
END PAGE FOUR b7c, b7D

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ATTORNEY ROBERT OWEN AT BILOXI, SO THAT HE CAN  
CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTRACTING THIS TESTIMONY  
FROM [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 24, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL SCHWERNER;  
ANDREW GOODMAN;  
JAMES EARL CHENEY - VICTIMS  
(DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

With reference to the Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi, Departmental Attorney Robert Owen of the Civil Rights Division is handling the presentation of evidence. Owen is well thought of by Burke Marshall and John Doar of the Civil Rights Division. U. S. Attorney Robert Hauberg is also present at the proceedings.

I talked with Sullivan concerning the developments and he said that we do not know the attitude of the jurors as a result of personal observation as we have no one in the grand jury but insofar as the attorneys are concerned, the group in Biloxi are diligent and we cannot complain about the quality of their effort. They are working late and are "really grinding out the work." They are carefully interviewing all witnesses beforehand and seem to be trying to do a good job.

While talking with Burke Marshall today, he stated [REDACTED] and had made a very favorable impression on the jurors. [REDACTED] also testified yesterday and held up well. b3

I inquired as to the attitude of the grand jurors. He said that some of them, of course, were resistant and had the attitude that you couldn't believe anything that a Negro said. He felt that some of the grand jurors thought that a spectacular development would be presented to them the first day, and that, of course, this was to be expected with all the speculation which was taking place. Marshall felt that taking everything into consideration, it was moving along as well as could be expected.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE: UNSUBS; MICHAEL SCHWERNER; ANDREW GOODMAN;  
JAMES EARL RAYNEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED), CIVIL RIGHTS

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] while in the building, he observed Edgar Ray "Preacher"  
Killen of Philadelphia, [REDACTED] positively identified  
Killen as being one of the five armed men who seized him [REDACTED] at  
Philadelphia, Mississippi, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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ACTION:

You will be advised of further developments of pertinence.

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Date: 9/23/64

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)  
(ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ALEX ROSEN)

FROM SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

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The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia, Mississippi Police Department are being advised of this information. The Council of Federated Organizations has been advised. All concerned were advised in general of this information in order to protect the identity of the source and will be further advised as details develop.

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This information is not to be disseminated outside the Bureau unless it is sufficiently paraphrased in order to adequately protect the highly confidential source who is furnishing information on a continuing basis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 24, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7C*  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7C*

Tolson ☒  
Belmont ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Casper ☒  
Callahan ☒  
Conrad ☒  
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Evans ☒  
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Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

With reference to the subpoenas which have been issued for certain of our Agents to appear before a State Grand Jury which is convening on September 28, 1964, Inspector Sullivan has been in touch with County Attorney Raiford Jones of Neshoba County. Attempts were made yesterday to talk with Judge O. H. Barnett, who is a brother of the former Governor. He is the State Circuit Court Judge who will handle this case. They were not able to meet with the Court yesterday inasmuch as he was in session. Sullivan is to talk with Raiford Jones today inasmuch as Jones had communicated with him and indicated he wanted to talk with him. *L*

Our understanding as a result of personal contact with Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division is that we are to tell the local authorities that with reference to the subpoenas for state appearance, we would be unable to testify before any grand jury at this time in state court inasmuch as we are under subpoena in a Federal court in connection with the presentation of material before a Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi.

In talking with Sullivan today, it was indicated to him that every effort should be made to get to the Judge today if at all possible to explain the position which we necessarily have to follow in accordance with instructions received from Burke Marshall.

I also talked with Burke Marshall concerning the present procedure and he affirmed the fact that this was the procedure which should be followed and that if this was not satisfactory he would take whatever action was necessary to insure that the above procedure was adhered to.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, ET AL.

As it now stands, Sullivan is taking the position that we cannot decline to be served with subpoenas but if the Agents are actually required to appear after having been duly served they will follow instructions given by Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division to the effect that they will be unable to testify at this time pursuant to Departmental instructions; namely, Departmental Order 260-62; and that this was in accordance with instructions received from Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

This matter will be closely followed with Sullivan so that if any situation develops requiring additional action it will immediately be taken up with Burke Marshall.

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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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TO SAC JACKSON (44-1)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-25706)

MIBURN.

REURAIRTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FIVE, LAST.  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, VOUCHER STATISTICAL  
SECTION ANTICIPATES COMPLETING PROJECT REQUESTED IN  
REAIRTEL ON OCTOBER TWO, NEXT, AT WHICH TIME EVIDENCE  
AND ACCOMPANYING REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED DIRECTLY  
TO BILOXI RESIDENT AGENCY.

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] are being programed by voucher statistical  
section in order to obtain details and voluminous information requested by b3  
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# Memorandum

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

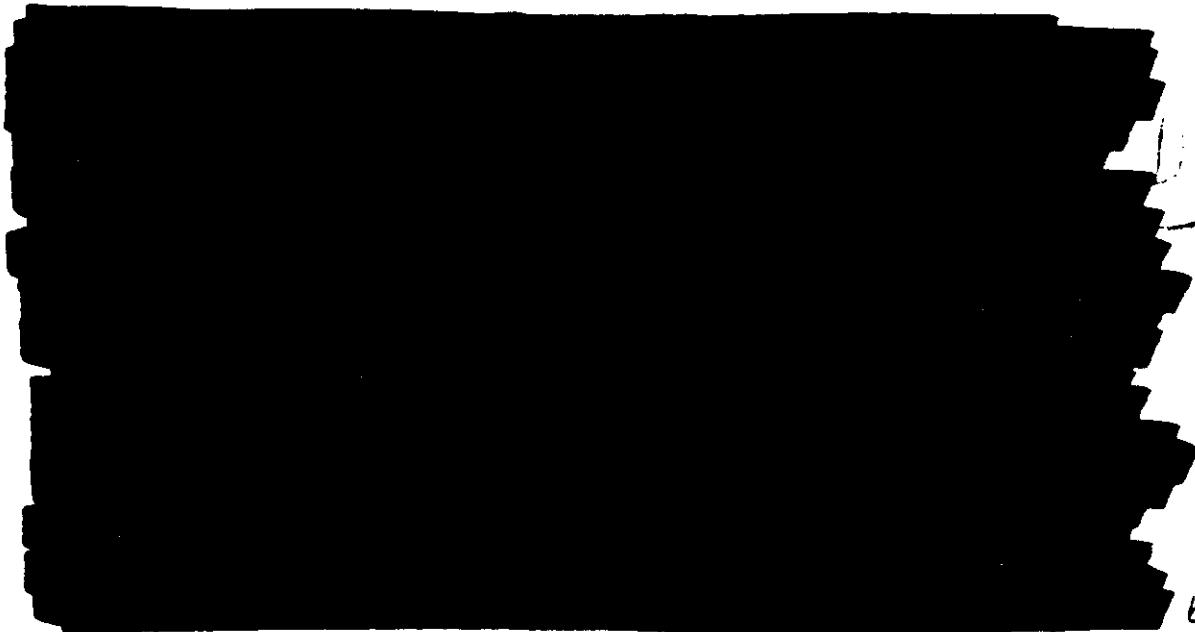
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SUBJECT:

MIBURN  
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In response to approved Departmental request (remymemo 9-10-64), the following visual aids were prepared by Exhibits Section and delivered to Department Attorney Frank Dunbaugh on 9-18-64 for use at Grand Jury Hearing, Biloxi, Mississippi, on 9-21-64:



In addition, Jackson airtel, 9-19-64, transmitted Attorney Owen's request for [redacted]. This map, size 40" x 40", was prepared and forwarded to the Meridian Resident Agency on 9-23-64. b3

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1 - General Investigative Division [redacted] (Sent Direct)

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Memo [REDACTED] to Callahan  
Re: Miburn  
9-25-64

This completes all requests received to date. It is expected, however, that when case comes up for actual trial, more visual aids will be requested.

At time initial group of charts was delivered (9-18-64), Attorney Dunbaugh expressed his most profound thanks for the assistance given him in this matter. Both Mr. Dunbaugh and Attorney John Doar highly praised the quality of the exhibits. This work was turned out under very short deadline conditions. Section Supervisor [REDACTED] performed all liaison and technical advisory duties, working with and supervising the work of Exhibits Specialist [REDACTED] and Clerk [REDACTED] in preparing the finished exhibits. b7c

All surplus Department of Agriculture and Navy aerial photos are being held in Exhibits Section against possible future need. If not needed these photos will be forwarded to bulky file at the proper time. Photos on hand are:

1. Department of Agriculture

AVB-3AA-75, AVB-3AA-136, AVB-3AA-138, AVB-4AA-46,  
AVB-4AA-77, AVB-4AA-80, AVB-4AA-107, AVB-4AA-108.

2. Navy

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RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information only.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-25706)  
(Attn: Assistant Director ALEX ROSEN)

FROM : SAC, Jackson (44-1)

SUBJECT: MIBURN

DATE: 9/22/64

Crime Records Division has requested background data concerning potential subjects in indictments in the Miburn investigation as well as identifying data and background concerning the victims in the various civil rights cases encompassed by this case.

Enclosed herewith are memoranda concerning 17 potential subjects and memoranda concerning the victims whom it is believed will be involved in the charges in any indictments returned.

Photographs suitable for use in answering press inquiries are not available in the cases of any of these individuals, therefore, they are not included. Some of the victims have arrest records, however, no attempt has been made to accumulate data of this type concerning the victims. Following a review of this material, it is suggested that it be referred to the Crime Records Division to the attention of [REDACTED] for use in answering any inquiries that may arise out of this investigation. b7c

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2 - Jackson  
(1 - Attn: SAC ROY K. MOORE)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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**ETHEL GLEN BARNETT**

Better known as "HOP" BARNETT, he was formerly the Sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, from January 1960 until January 1964. For approximately 2 1/2 years during his term as Sheriff, one of his deputies was the current Sheriff of Neshoba County, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINKEY. Another of his Deputies was CLAYTON LIVINGSTON, who is currently a Constable of Neshoba County.

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NEAL OTHA BURKES

Burkes has been in law enforcement in the Philadelphia, Mississippi area for approximately 25 years. He is currently a patrolman on the Philadelphia, Mississippi Police Department but has formerly served as a Deputy Sheriff with the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office.

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EDGAR RAY KILLEN

Killen is an ordained Baptist minister serving as pastor of the Salem Baptist Church in Neshoba County and the Zion Baptist Church in Kemper County. In addition, he operates a saw mill in rural Neshoba County. He has been active in state and county politics in recent years, having made an unsuccessful bid for Sheriff of Neshoba County in 1963.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Killen is described as follows:

Race  
Sex  
Birth

White  
Male

Age  
Height  
Weight  
Build  
Hair  
Eyes  
Complexion

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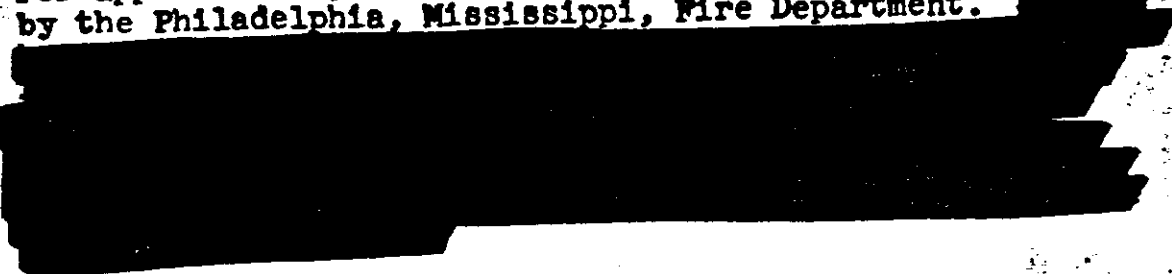
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CECIL RAY PRICE


PRICE is a Deputy Sheriff currently employed by Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY, Neshoba County, Mississippi. He has served as a Deputy Sheriff since January of 1964. For approximately two years prior to this he was employed by the Philadelphia, Mississippi, Fire Department.



PRICE is described as follows:

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth

White  
Male



Height  
Weight  
Build  
Hair  
Eyes  
Father  
Mother

all  
b7C

RE: CECIL RAY PRICE

PRICE intercepted JAMES E. CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN, and MICHAEL SCHWERNER in a 1963 blue Ford station wagon on Highway 16 east of Philadelphia, Mississippi, on June 21, 1964, about 3:30 P.M., followed them to Philadelphia, Mississippi, and arrested them for speeding. The three were held in jail until about 10:30 P.M. same date without being permitted to make bond. After release, the three were killed by gunshot and their station wagon was burned.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINNEY

RAINNEY began serving a four-year term as Sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, on January 6, 1964. He has had prior law enforcement experience, serving as Deputy Sheriff from October of 1960 until March of 1963 under the former Neshoba County Sheriff ETHEL GLEN "HOP" BARNETT. In addition to this, RAINNEY formerly served as a police officer on the Philadelphia, Mississippi, Police Department. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RAINNEY is described as follows:

Race  
Sex  
Birth  
  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Build  
Hair  
Complexion

White  
Male

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RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS

WILLIS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been a patrolman  
on the Philadelphia, Mississippi, Police Department since  
1959. [REDACTED]

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James Chaney (deceased)

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Andrew Goodman (deceased)

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**JAMES CHANEY (deceased)**

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ANDREW GOODMAN (deceased)

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**MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER (deceased)**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)  
 PERSONAL ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
 ALEX ROSEN TO BE FORWARDED TO THE  
VOUCHER STATISTICAL SECTION

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

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Upon completion of the requested information, the  
 Statistical Section is directed to return [REDACTED] b3

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] to the Biloxi Resident Agency, Biloxi, Mississippi, so that information can be entered into testimony at the Grand Jury presently in session at Biloxi, Mississippi. b3

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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

**9/30/64**

This information has heretofore been furnished to the Director indicating the FBI Agents who were subpoenaed by the Neshoba County Grand Jury to appear on 9/28/64 did not appear. The attached copy of a letter merely confirms what has previously been known to the Bureau that this matter was satisfactorily worked out between the Department and the Judge and the Agents did not have to appear.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 27, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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This is to advise that SAC Moore of the Jackson Office telephonically advised on 9/27/64 information had just been received that the nine FBI Agents subpoenaed to appear before the state grand jury at Philadelphia, Mississippi, on 9/28/64, will not have to appear in answer to the subpoenas.

According to SAC Moore, the United States Attorney at Jackson and Mr. Howard E. Shapiro, Civil Division of the Department, had a conference the afternoon of Sunday 9/27/64 with Neshoba County Circuit Court Judge O. H. Barnett and the Neshoba County Prosecutor at which time an agreement was made that our Agents would not have to appear.

Mr. Moore related that Mr. Shapiro will appear at the local proceedings on 9/28/64 and make a statement to the effect that after the current Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi has completed its inquiry then any information of interest to the Neshoba County authorities will be turned over to them.

## ACTION:

You will be advised of pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen *RW*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
ANDREW GOODMAN,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY - VICTIMS (DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 25, 1964

1 - Mr. Rosen *b7c*  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED] *b7c*

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We have been informed of the arrangements which have been made by the Civil Division of the Department concerning the nine subpoenas that have been issued for Agents of the FBI previously named in my memorandum of 9/25/64 in connection with the state grand jury proceeding for September 28, 1964, at Philadelphia, Mississippi. The local grand jury was called by Judge O. H. Barnett, Circuit Court Judge of Neshoba County at Philadelphia, Mississippi. The County Attorney is Raiford Jones.

The following telegram was sent by Acting Attorney General Katzenbach at 11:00 a. m., Central Standard Time, today, September 25, 1964, having been received by SAC Roy Moore at Jackson:

"ROY K. MOORE, SAC, FBI, JACKSON, MISS.

"IT APPEARS THAT CERTAIN FBI AGENTS IN MISSISSIPPI HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH SUBPOENAS REQUIRING THEIR APPEARANCE BEFORE A STATE GRAND JURY IN PHILADELPHIA, MISS. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ORDER NO. 260-62 (28 C. F. R. 16.1) AND AS ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, I INSTRUCT YOU AND, THROUGH YOU, EACH FBI AGENT SO SERVED, NOT TO DISCLOSE BEFORE THE SAID STATE GRAND JURY, ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO MATERIAL OR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FILES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY

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OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION.  
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE AGENTS BE AVAILABLE  
TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY NOW  
SITTING AT BILOXI, MISS. AND SINCE THE FBI INVE-  
STIGATION OF MATTERS BEING INQUIRED INTO BY THAT  
GRAND JURY IS STILL CONTINUING, DISCLOSURE AT  
THIS TIME TO PERSONS OTHER THAN THE FEDERAL  
GRAND JURY WOULD BE INIMICAL TO THE PUBLIC  
INTEREST AND WOULD SERIOUSLY BURDEN AND IMPEDE  
THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN EFFECTIVELY  
DISCHARGING ITS LAWFUL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

"NICHOLAS DE B. KATZENBACH"

In addition to the above, we have been advised by Howard E. Shapiro, Civil Division of the Department, that the following plans are made and it is intended that they will be followed relative to the nine subpoenas which have been issued:

The United States Attorney at Jackson will attempt to arrange a meeting with Judge Barnett either Saturday or Sunday.

Shapiro said he and the United States Attorney and probably Raiford Jones would be present at the meeting, at which time an attempt will be made to have the Judge withdraw the subpoenas.

If this is unsuccessful, Bureau Agents, accompanied by the United States Attorney and Departmental Attorney Shapiro, will appear at the Philadelphia Courthouse at 9 o'clock, September 28, 1964, at which time the United States Attorney and Departmental attorney will move to have the subpoenas quashed or modified so that our Agents cannot testify to any official investigation. (With reference to the modification, it will mean that the Agents will be able to state their name, their address, their employment, and answer any proper personal question; however, they

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will not be allowed to testify concerning any official matter in connection with their duties as Special Agents of the FBI.)

If this attempt is unsuccessful, Agents will appear before the grand jury when called and decline to furnish any information as indicated above and in line with the instructions of the Department.

If the Agents are then brought before Judge Barnett, they will maintain the same position and cite the Departmental instructions.

If the Judge rules the Agents to be in contempt and levies a fine, the imposition of the fine will immediately be appealed.

If the Judge orders the Agents held in contempt and asks that they be detained in jail, the Departmental Attorney has stated that appropriate legal papers will be at Biloxi and the Department will immediately obtain a writ of habeas corpus from Federal Judge Sidney Mize of the U. S. District Court sitting at Biloxi to have the Agents released.

In order that the above plans can be carried out, the Departmental Attorney plans to have a meeting at Meridian with all of the Agents involved on Sunday at approximately 4:00 p. m.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

The above information is being furnished to the SAC at Jackson and also Inspector Sullivan at Meridian for appropriate action.

If any modifications in the above take place, you will be advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen *R/S*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
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ANDREW GOODMAN,  
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DATE: September 25, 1964

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I talked with Joe Sullivan at Meridian in connection with the above matter indicating that the Civil Division of the Department was preparing appropriate legal replies to the nine subpoenas which have been served upon our Agents.

They desire the identity of the foreman of the local grand jury and Sullivan was requested to obtain this.

Yesterday, as reflected in my memorandum of 9/24/64, Raiford Jones contacted Sullivan and indicated he wanted to talk with him. Raiford Jones is the County Attorney of Neshoba County, Mississippi. The results of this conference were obtained from Sullivan. It, in substance, indicated that Jones was merely reiterating a desire to have Agents appear before the local grand jury. Sullivan, in his conversation with Jones, did not obtain anything that we did not heretofore know and Sullivan took the position that, insofar as Raiford Jones' request was concerned, this was a matter which would have to be brought to the attention of the Department and we would be guided by the Department's decision in such matters.

The information requested by the Civil Division of the Department will be furnished in order that they may appropriately prepare the necessary legal papers concerning the subpoenas which have been issued.

You will be advised of additional developments.

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We have ascertained that Judge O. H. Barnett, State Circuit Court Judge, who we now understand is not a brother of the former Governor but is a cousin of the former Governor of Mississippi, was contacted in line with previous advice of Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division concerning the subpoenas that were issued against the nine Agents. Burke Marshall stated that we should tell the local authorities that with reference to these subpoenas for state appearance we would be unable to testify before any grand jury in state court inasmuch as we were under subpoena in a Federal court in connection with the presentation of material before a Federal grand jury at Biloxi, Mississippi. In line with this, we contacted the Judge, who was unavailable yesterday, and he was most cordial and was not critical of the FBI.

He indicated that the Department should have released the testimony requested and that he felt a Departmental representative should appear before the state grand jury and state the Department's position. Our Agent made no comment concerning this except to indicate that we were being guided by the Department's wishes in this matter and any request which was made would have to be referred to the Department for appropriate consideration.

Insofar as the nine subpoenas are concerned, they are addressed to

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the Jackson Division. The Department has advised us that the Attorney General plans to send a telegram to SAC Moore instructing him in the manner in which the subpoenas should be answered and he is having prepared individual instructions to each Agent concerning the manner in which they are to answer the subpoena. A copy of such instructions will be obtained from the Department just as soon as they are prepared. b7c

ACTION TAKEN:

The Department has been advised of the identity of the foreman of the local grand jury. He is [REDACTED] b7c

Burke Marshall has been advised of the Judge's comments to the effect that he felt the Department should release testimony to the grand jury

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and that the Judge felt the Department should have a representative appear before the state grand jury and state the Department's position. This has been given to Burke Marshall for such action as he deems appropriate.

Burke Marshall, upon being advised of the above, indicated that he was thinking seriously of having a Departmental representative, perhaps a representative of the U. S. Attorney's Office in Jackson, appear before the local state grand jury and explain the Department's position. He felt that this would be desirable.

You will be advised of additional developments.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

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SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPT. TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT.

REJNTEL DATED SEPT. TWENTYSIX LAST REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS AT  
PHILADELPHIA AND MERIDIAN, MISS., IN LAUDERDALE AND NESHOPA COUNTY  
KLAN ACTIVITIES.

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KILLEN IS A SUSPECT IN THE

MIBURN INVESTIGATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)  
ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
MOVEMENT SECTION

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (44-1-SF2)

MIBURN PERSONNEL  
SA [REDACTED] b7C

This is to advise that SA [REDACTED] is returning to his office of assignment via Bucar, Oklahoma City #626, on 9/26/64. b7C

Bucar in which SA [REDACTED] is traveling is assigned to the Oklahoma City Division. b7C

Upon his departure, SA [REDACTED] is being released from the Miburn Special. b7C

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- 3 - Bureau  
(1: Assistant Director ROSEN)  
1 - Oklahoma City  
2 - Jackson  
[REDACTED] sab

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)

**MIBURN**

Enclosed are three copies of an artist's conception drawing of Unsub #5, which Exhibits Section, Administrative Division, has prepared from photographs of [redacted] submitted by your office as possible look-alikes of one of the individuals who took victim [redacted] into custody after his release from jail in Philadelphia, Mississippi. This likeness should be shown to [redacted] if he is available and the Bureau advised regarding [redacted] evaluation of the likeness. b7C

If [redacted] indicates that changes should be made to enhance the likeness, this will be done upon receipt of information as to changes desired. Artist's conceptions were not prepared from photographs of [redacted] or [redacted] since [redacted] had already approved look-alike drawings of the man with the mole (Unsub #1) and "Preacher" (Unsub #4). However, if additional drawings of Unsub #1 and Unsub #4 are desired, [redacted] should again be consulted regarding specific points of similarity between these photographs and the men who took him into custody. Exhibits Section should then be requested to prepare drawings based on this additional information. b7C

Photographs forwarded by routing slip are being returned to you herewith for possible use in recontacting [redacted] b7C

Enclosures (13)

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1 - General Investigative Division [redacted] (Enclosure - One copy of artist's conception drawing) (Sent Direct) b7C

NOTE: Artist's conceptions of Unsubs #1 and #4 prepared at Mr. Rosen's request after interviews by Exhibits Specialists with victim [redacted] at Washington, D. C., 9/4 and 9/8/64. Drawing of Unsub #5 prepared from photographs submitted by Jackson office and should be shown to [redacted] for evaluation. It is understood that [redacted] is now in Mississippi having returned there as a witness in the Miburn hearing. b7C

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 25, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *R/R*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER,  
JAMES EARL CHANEY,  
ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIMS  
(DECEASED)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

Tolson  
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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/

MIBURN. <sup>Office of Origin</sup> OO, JACKSON.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPT. THIRTY INSTANT.

REJNTEL SEPT. TWENTYNINE LAST, RE DEVELOPMENTS AT PHILADELPHIA  
AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

PROGRESS OF FEDERAL GRAND JURY, <sup>SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI</sup> SDM, BILOXI, MISS., AS OF  
SEPT. THIRTY, INSTANT.

TESTIMONY WAS PRESENTED TO <sup>Federal Grand Jury</sup> FBJ, SDM, BILOXI, MISS., THIS DATE

THE REMAINDER OF TODAY/S SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO TESTIMONY ON

NESHOBA COUNTY ATTORNEY RAYFORD JONES, APPEARED BEFORE FBJ  
THIS DATE WITH RESPECT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN NESHOBA  
COUNTY, MISS.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)

DATE: 9/26/64

FROM : *RM* SAC, JACKSON (44-1) (P)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: MIBURN  
OO: JACKSON

Enclosed to the Laboratory are two rolls of  
Recordak film

[REDACTED]

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Laboratory is requested to develop the film  
and return directly to the Meridian, Mississippi, Resident  
Agency, Attention: Inspector JOSEPH SULLIVAN.

*Enclosed a letter to  
Meridian R.A. 10-1-64  
dir*  
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1 - Jackson (44-1)

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM JACKSON

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| Mr. Tolson   | ✓ |
| Mr. Belmont  | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr     | ✓ |
| Mr. Casper   | ✓ |
| Mr. Callahan | ✓ |
| Mr. Conrad   | ✓ |
| Mr. DeLoach  | ✓ |
| Mr. Evans    | ✓ |
| Mr. Gale     | ✓ |
| Mr. Rosen    | ✓ |
| Mr. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Mr. Tavel    | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter  | ✓ |
| Tele. Room   | ✓ |
| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *[Signature]*

DATE:

9-29-64

FROM :

SUBJECT: MIBURN

- 1 - Mr. Conrad *b7c*
- 1 - Mr. *[Redacted]*
- 1 - Mr. *[Redacted]*
- 1 - Office, Room 7183

Tolson

DeLoach

Callahan

Conrad

Evans

Rosen

Sullivan

Tavel

Trotter

Tele. Room

Holmes

Gandy

Special Agent *[Redacted]* testified before the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of Mississippi, sitting in Biloxi *[Redacted]*

*[Redacted]* *b3*

*[Redacted]* *b3*

*[Redacted]* *b3*

*[Redacted]* *b3*

Upon completion of testimony SA *[Redacted]* was released by the Grand Jury and immediately returned to headquarters. It is anticipated that the presentation to this Grand Jury will be completed on or about October 2 next. *b7c, b3*

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. *[Redacted]*
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. *[Redacted]*

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad  
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ACTION: None. For information only.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

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| Mr. Mohr     | ✓ |
| Mr. Casper   | ✓ |
| Mr. Callahan | ✓ |
| Mr. Conrad   | ✓ |
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| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/

Office of Origin

MIBURN. OO JACKSON.

SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

RE JACKSON TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE LAST, RE  
DEVELOPMENTS AT PHILADELPHIA AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

PROGRESS OF FEDERAL GRAND JURY /FGJ/, SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT OF MISS., BILOXI, MISS., AS OF SEPTEMBER  
TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

TWENTYNINE WITNESSES, INCLUDING RECALLED WITNESSES  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
TESTIFIED BEFORE FGJ, SD, BILOXI, MISS., THIS DATE

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TESTIMONY [REDACTED]

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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY ROBERT OWEN ADVISED  
TELEPHONICALLY SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE INSTANT THAT  
HE DESIRED [REDACTED] TO APPEAR  
BEFORE THE GRAND JURY AS A WITNESS ON OCTOBER ONE  
NEXT. HE REQUESTED TESTIMONY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WILL APPEAR AND TESTIFY ALONG THESE  
LINES. OWEN ADVISED HE ALSO PROPOSES TO UTILIZE  
SEVERAL OF THE CITIZENS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED AND  
REQUESTED TO TESTIFY ALONG THESE LINES AND SHE  
WILL APPEAR AT BILOXI WITH SEVERAL FRIENDS ON  
SEPTEMBER THIRTY NEXT PREPARED TO TESTIFY.

OWEN FEELS THAT TESTIMONY OF THIS TYPE  
WILL SERVE TO OVERCOME THE ~~QUOTE~~ "SO WHAT" ~~UNQUOTE~~  
ATTITUDE THE GRAND JURY HAS EXHIBITED TOWARD MOST

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INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

THE BULK OF THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY  
MIBURN SQUAD ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE INSTANT  
PERTAINED TO FULFILLING REQUESTS OF THE ATTORNEYS  
HANDLING THE GRAND JURY FOR THE LOCATION OF WITNESSES,  
EXHIBITS, AND PREPARATION OF CHARTS DEPICTING THE  
SCENES INVOLVED IN VARIOUS OF THE BRUTALITY CASES.

LAUDERDALE AND NESHOPA COUNTY KLAN ACTIVITIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)  
 (ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ALEX ROSEN)

FROM SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

MIBURN

OO: JN

Re Jackson summary teletype to the Bureau dated 9/22/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an airtel  
 containing information furnished by confidential source

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 [REDACTED] b7D  
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- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)  
 2 - Jackson  
 (1 - 170-93)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 9/30/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-25706)

ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (44-1)

MIBURN

OO: JACKSON

Forwarded under separate cover are the following:

Six rolls of 35 mm film exposed on Recordak MRD-1 camera. Roll #1 has an undeveloped test strip inside the can and on the outside is a developed film strip with information attached to that film strip concerning type of developer used, time and temperature of development.

Two rolls of 16 mm film exposed on Recordak RP-1 camera. Roll #1 has an undeveloped test strip inside the can and on the outside of the can is a developed film strip with information attached concerning type of developer used, time and temperature of development.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

It is requested that the above film be developed and positive copies forwarded to the U. S. Department of Justice.

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(1 - Package) (RM)

2 - Jackson (44-1)

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR /44-25706/

FROM JACKSON /44-1/

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SUMMARY TEL FOR SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT.

REJACKSONTEL DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN LAST, RE  
DEVELOPMENTS AT PHILADELPHIA AND MERIDIAN, MISS.

PROGRESS OF FEDERAL GRAND JURY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISS.,  
AS OF ADJOURNMENT SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT.

SA [REDACTED] CONCLUDED HIS  
TESTIMONY BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY, SDH, BILOXI, MISS.

THIS DATE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b9  
NINETEEN OTHER WITNESSES, INCLUDING RECALLS, TESTIFIED BEFORE

FOR THIS DATE [REDACTED]

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| Mr. Tolson   |  |
| Mr. Belmont  |  |
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| Mr. Casper   |  |
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| Miss Gandy   |  |

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ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE, NEXT, PGJ WILL CONTINUE TO HEAR

WITNESSES

NAME - [REDACTED]

OF WHITE PARENTS OF THE ROYAL ARMY

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REJACKSON TEL TO DIRECTOR, SEPTEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, PHILADELPHIA, MISS., <sup>SS</sup> <sup>David M. [redacted]</sup>

VOTER REGISTRATION, PHILADELPHIA, MISS., SEPTEMBER

TWENTYONE LAST, <sup>Civil Rights</sup> <sup>Section 1981</sup> CR DASH EL.

COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS

COFO ADVISED JACKSON OFFICE THAT [redacted] COFO

ATTORNEY, WAS ARRESTED BY WESHOPA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE FOR  
IMPERSONATING FEDERAL MARSHAL, ATTEMPTING TO SERVE PAPERS  
ON TRANSFER OF SUIT TO FEDERAL COURT RE WEARING FREEDOM TYPE BUTTONS BY  
SCHOOL STUDENTS. b7C

DEPUTY SHERIFF CECIL RAY PRICE ADVISED THAT [redacted] WAS  
NOT ARRESTED AND THE SHERIFFS OFFICE UNDERSTOOD PAPERS MUST BE  
SERVED BY U. S. MARSHAL. THEY CONTACTED U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE  
WIZE AND DETERMINED HE HAD NOT ISSUED RESTRAINING ORDER OR  
INJUNCTION AND UNFAMILIAR WITH COFO ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER  
JURISDICTION TO FEDERAL COURT. PRICE ADVISED SUBPOENAS WERE IN  
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EFFORT TO HAVE U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE SET ASIDE ORDER OF CIRCUIT JUDGE, WESHOPA COUNTY, SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE LAST, PREVENTING VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITY DURING COURT SESSION. [REDACTED] IN

ADDITION, HAD SUBPOENAS NOT YET SERVED IN CONNECTION WITH SCHOOL SUIT. [REDACTED] WAS GIVEN HIS PAPERS BACK, WHICH HE HAD BEEN SERVING

IN VARIOUS OFFICES IN WESHOPA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AND HE WAS

ADVISED THAT IF HE ATTEMPTED TO SERVE PAPERS, HE WOULD BE ARRESTED FOR IMPERSONATING OFFICER. [REDACTED] TOOK PAPERS, AND

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM SHERIFFS OFFICE, LEFT COUNTY FOR JACKSON.

WESHOPA COUNTY GRAND JURY. b7c

MR. HOWARD E. SHAPIRO, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, WENT TO WESHOPA COUNTY COURTHOUSE TODAY AND APPEARED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY. HE STATED THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION CONCERNING THAT AGENTS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO APPEAR. HE PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY COPIES OF THE EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE DEPARTMENT, AN AFFIDAVIT PREPARED BY MR. KATZENBACH, AND A STATEMENT CONCERNING FUTURE COOPERATION, WHICH STATEMENT WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT. AN ORAL COMMITMENT WAS GIVEN BY U. S.

JOHNSON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR AGENTS TO RESPOND TO THE SUBPOENAS AT ALL. MR. SHAPIRO WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FORMAL LEGAL WITHDRAWALS OR SUPPRESSION OF THE SUBPOENAS BUT RATHER THEY ARE TO BE IGNORED.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information germane to prosecution in this investigation has been elicited from previously submitted reports in this case, to effect a working trial brief.

All persons contacted during the course of this investigation were advised that this inquiry was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. BURKE MARSHALL, Assistant Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice.

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~~XXXXXXXX~~ EDGAR RAY KILLEN; [REDACTED] BILLY WAYNE POSEY; CECIL RAY PRICE, DEPUTY SHERIFF, NESHOBIA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, SHERIFF, NESHOBIA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS; JERRY MC GREW SHARPE; JIMMY SNOWDEN; JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND; HERMAN TUCKER; OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR; - - JAMES EARL CHANEY; MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER; ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIMS *b7c*

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NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE

Victims JAMES EARL CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN and MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) workers, left Meridian, Mississippi around 11:00 AM, Sunday, June 21, 1964, en route to the Mount Zion Community east of Philadelphia, Mississippi where they visited the former site of the Mount Zion Methodist Church which burned to the ground on the evening of June 16, 1964. After viewing the charred remains of the Mount Zion Methodist Church, the victims visited with several Negro families before driving toward Philadelphia, Mississippi en route to Meridian, Mississippi.

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While driving their 1963 Ford Fairlane Ranch Wagon, bearing 1964 Mississippi License H25503, to Philadelphia, Mississippi, they were arrested by Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE, Neshoba County, Mississippi, at approximately 3:30 PM, June 21, 1964, allegedly for speeding within the city limits of Philadelphia, Mississippi. At the request of Deputy Sheriff PRICE, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolmen HARRY J. WIGGS and E. R. POE assisted PRICE in transporting the victims to the Neshoba County Jail where CHANEY was incarcerated for speeding and GOODMAN and SCHWERNER were incarcerated "for investigation". b7C

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] booked CHANEY for speeding and GOODMAN and SCHWERNER for investigation. [REDACTED] victims were held in the Neshoba County Jail until Justice of Peace LEONARD WARREN was available to set bond for CHANEY. After 10:00 PM, Justice of Peace WARREN was contacted at which time he set CHANEY's bond at \$20. After the bond was paid, the three victims were released from the Neshoba County Jail at approximately 10:30 PM, June 21, 1964. b7C, b7D

Victims departed from the Neshoba County Jail in the ranch wagon and were followed until they approached the Philadelphia city limits by Deputy Sheriff PRICE and RICHARD A. WILLIS, a Philadelphia, Mississippi patrolman.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] observed the victims traveling on Highway 19 toward Meridian, Mississippi. b7C, b7D

On June 23, 1964, near the Bogue Chitto Creek on Highway 21, approximately thirteen miles northeast of Philadelphia, Mississippi, the 1963 Ford Fairlane Ranch Wagon, which was last seen in the possession of the three civil rights workers, was located in a completely burned condition. Examination of the ranch wagon indicated that the interior and exterior of the car, with the exception of the left front fender and door along with a portion of the hood and bumper, had been affected by flames and intense heat of fire. A meticulous examination by Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory revealed that no human remains were in the debris which contained a wristwatch, automobile keys and tools. A resident of the area, T. HUDSON, stated he had traveled by the place where the car was burned shortly after 1:00 AM, June 22, 1964, and observed what apparently was the burning car. Flames ten to twelve feet high were noted, even burning the bushes.

[REDACTED] b7C, b7D  
On August 4, 1964, a search warrant signed by U. S. Commissioner VERTA LEE SWETMAN, Biloxi, Mississippi, ordering a search of the OLEN BURRAGE farm in Neshoba County, was served on OLEN BURRAGE at Philadelphia, Mississippi. Excavation was conducted on the farm dam and the bodies of the three civil rights workers, CHANEY, GOODMAN and SCHWERNER, were located and exhumed. The bodies were transported to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi, where Dr. WILLIAM P. FEATHERSTON, a local pathologist, conducted an autopsy and pronounced the cause of death to be gunshot wounds.

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Positive identification of the three bodies as JAMES EARL CHANEY, MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER and ANDREW GOODMAN was established by the FBI Identification Division through fingerprints of the victims.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] construction of the earthen dam was started around June 14, 1964 and that work on the dam was going on during the week end of June 20-22, 1964.

[REDACTED] construction was in progress on Sunday, June 21, 1964, and again on Monday, June 22, 1964, beginning early in the morning. [REDACTED] did not observe any evidence of tampering or irregularities at the dam site. b7c, b7D

JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, a white male from Meridian, Mississippi, an admitted participant in the abduction and murder of the three civil rights workers, stated that on June 21, 1964, EDGAR RAY KILLEN, JERRY SHARPE and a person whom he believed to be JIMMY TOWNSEND, all residents of Philadelphia, Mississippi, traveled to the Longhorn Drive-In, Meridian, Mississippi, where KILLEN informed JAMES T. "PETE" HARRIS, FRANK HERNDON, and JORDAN that three civil rights workers were incarcerated at the Neshoba County Jail in Philadelphia, Mississippi on minor charges. He indicated these men could not be held long and he wanted Lauderdale County Ku Klux Klan members to join a Neshoba County group in "whipping" these men. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN related that six pairs of cloth gloves were obtained from OLIVER RICHARD "DICK" WARNER, JR.'s store in Meridian before leaving the city en route to Philadelphia. b7c, b7D

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, another witness who admitted being a participant in the abduction and murder of CHANEY, GOODMAN and SCHWERNER, related that on the evening of June 21, 1964 [REDACTED] telephonically advised [REDACTED] and him "the Klan had a job". DOYLE and [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, [REDACTED] whose last name BARNETTE later learned [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in Meridian, Mississippi. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOYLE and [REDACTED] and JAMES EDWARD JORDAN proceeded to Philadelphia where they met [REDACTED] informed them the three civil rights workers were being released from jail and he stated, "we have a place to bury them and a man to run the dozer to cover them up." b7c

The three civil rights workers, JAMES EARL CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN and MICHAEL SCHWERNER, were released from the Neshoba County Jail at approximately 10:30 PM, June 21, 1964, and by prearranged plans, [REDACTED] informed the participants, the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) would intercept the civil rights workers' car as it proceeded down Highway 19. The car, however, was not stopped by the MHSP. [REDACTED]

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE stated that SCHWERNER and GOODMAN were shot by [REDACTED] and JAMES CHANEY was killed by a volley of shots in the presence of [REDACTED] JIM JORDAN and himself. The bodies were taken to the OLEN BURRAGE dam near Philadelphia, Mississippi where a bulldozer operator performed the interment. Afterwards, the group congregated at [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] provided a jug of gasoline to burn the three civil rights workers' 1963 Ford ranch wagon. [REDACTED] informed the group that the victims' station wagon was to be taken by [REDACTED] to Alabama where it would be burned." b7c

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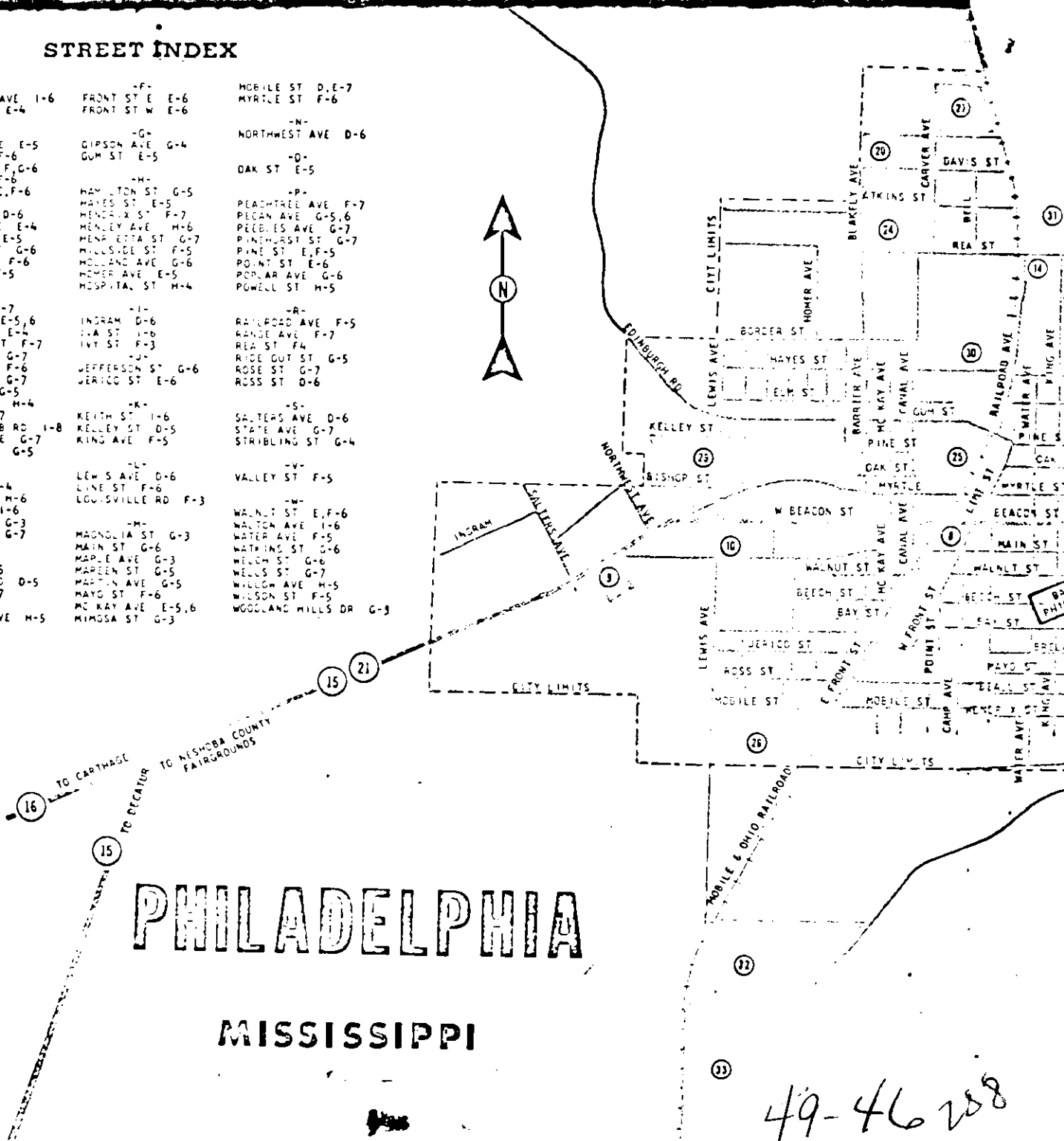
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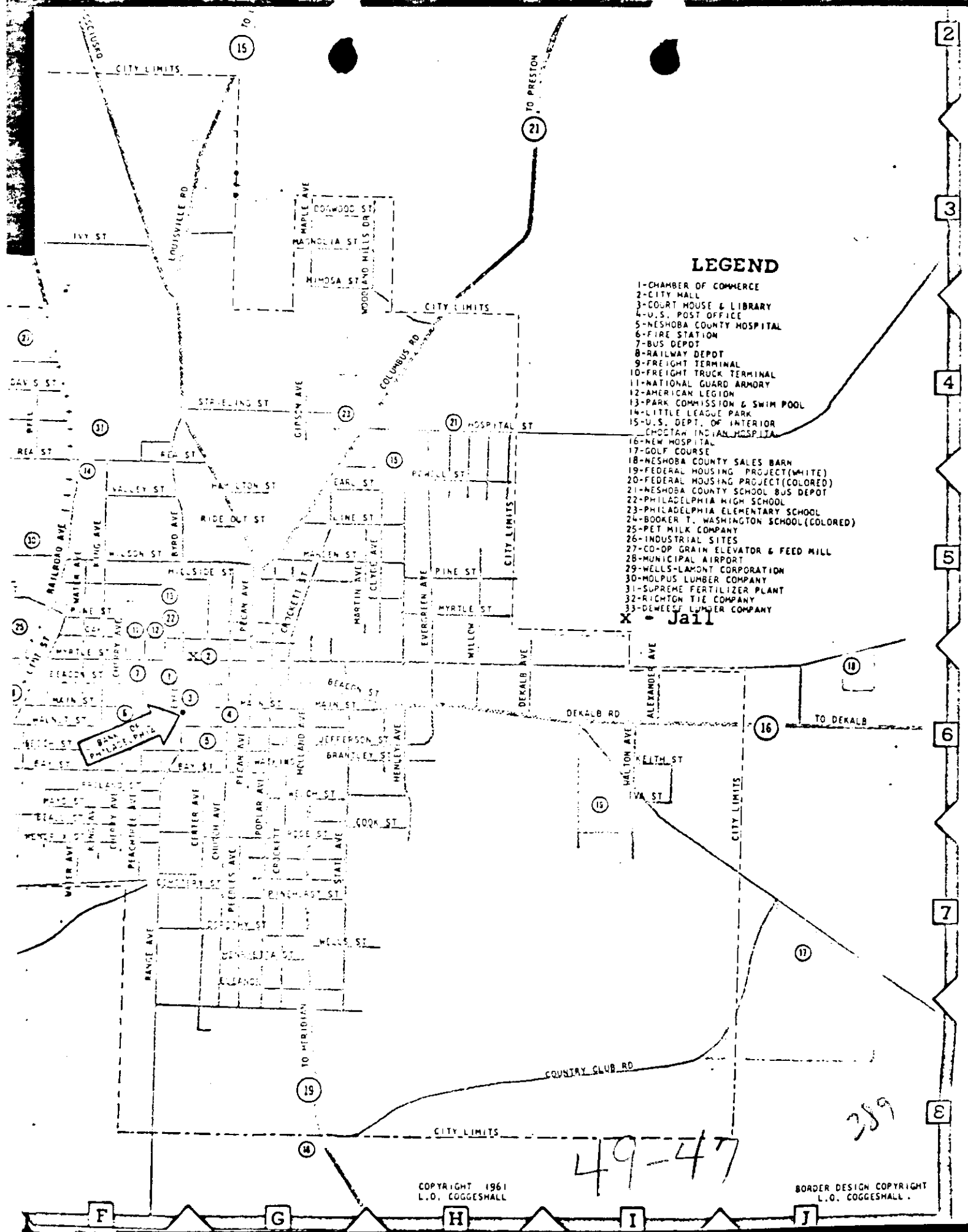
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- 4-U.S. POST OFFICE
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- 7-BUS DEPOT
- 8-RAILWAY DEPOT
- 9-FREIGHT TERMINAL
- 10-FREIGHT TRUCK TERMINAL
- 11-NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
- 12-AMERICAN LEGION
- 13-PARK COMMISSION & SWIM POOL
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- 15-U.S. DEPT. OF INTERIOR
- 16-SHOCTAW INDIAN HOSPITAL
- 17-NEW HOSPITAL
- 18-GOLF COURSE
- 19-NESHOBA COUNTY SALES BARN
- 20-FEDERAL HOUSING PROJECT(WHITE)
- 21-FEDERAL HOUSING PROJECT(COLORED)
- 22-NESHOBA COUNTY SCHOOL BUS DEPOT
- 23-PHILADELPHIA HIGH SCHOOL
- 24-BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SCHOOL(COLORED)
- 25-PET MILK COMPANY
- 26-INDUSTRIAL SITES
- 27-CO-OP GRAIN ELEVATOR & FEED MILL
- 28-MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- 29-WELLS-LAMONT CORPORATION
- 30-MOLPUS LUMBER COMPANY
- 31-SUPREME FERTILIZER PLANT
- 32-RICHTON TIE COMPANY
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At 10.03 p.m., June 21, 1964, Mr. FRANK SCHWELB, Attorney, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, telephonically advised the New Orleans Office of the FBI that three Civil Rights workers all in their early twenties, MICHAEL SCHWERNER, a white male, JAMES CHANEY, a Negro male, and ANDY GOODMAN, a white male, left Meridian, Mississippi, the morning of June 21, 1964, en route to Philadelphia, Mississippi, where a Negro church had been "burned or bombed a few weeks back." The group left with the intention of being back in Meridian at 4 p.m. on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, but had not returned and had not been heard from up to the time of his call.

At 10 15 p.m., [REDACTED] Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi, that ANDY GOODWIN, MICHAEL SCHWERNER and JAMES CHANEY had left Meridian, Mississippi, via automobile early the afternoon of June 21, 1964, traveling to Philadelphia, Mississippi, with the intention of investigating a recent church burning there. They were due to return to Meridian late the afternoon of June 21, 1964, but at the time of [REDACTED] call they had not returned and had not been heard from since leaving Meridian. He stated that the police in the towns between Meridian and Philadelphia had been contacted by COFO and no information had been developed regarding their whereabouts. b7C

At 11:34 p.m., June 21, 1964, Mr. FRANK SCHWELB telephonically advised the New Orleans Office that the car in which the three above persons were traveling is a 1964 Fairlane Ford, bearing Mississippi Licerse H25503. He stated that [REDACTED] of COFO, Jackson, had called the Lauderdale and Neshoba (Philadelphia Police Department) County Jails by 9 p.m., June 21, 1964, in an attempt to b7C

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locate the three persons and was advised that "No one of the description he gave were being held."

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Date 6/30/641

At 3:20 p.m., HUNTER MOREY, Legal Coordinator, Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised the Meridian, Mississippi, Resident Agency that he desired to make an official request for an investigation to locate JAMES CHANEY, MICHAEL SCHWERNER and ANDREW GOODMAN and that his request was the result of his receipt of conflicting stories concerning the time the three individuals had been released from the Neshoba County Jail at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and because of the church burning near Philadelphia, Mississippi, he feels the three boys were in physical danger.

On 6/22/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # New Orleans 44-2227  
by SA [REDACTED] mjh Date dictated 6/26/64

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the following information:

Mr. GOODMAN is President of the Grow Construction Company, 313 West 53rd Street, New York City. [REDACTED] firm constructs roads and highways throughout the eastern part of the United States. Mr. GOODMAN himself is a civil engineer.

[REDACTED] ANDREW does not have a middle name or middle initial.

[REDACTED] ANDREW completed the first half of his junior year at Queens College, New York in June, 1964. He is an anthropology major and expected to return to school in September, 1964 to complete his studies.

[REDACTED] ANDREW is a volunteer worker for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNVCC). ANDREW became affiliated with SNVCC at Queens College, New York. Approximately one month ago he joined a group of students from Queens College and picketed the New York Worlds Fair. [REDACTED] do not know of his engaging in any other civil rights activities in New York City.

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On \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_  
by SAS \_\_\_\_\_ lca \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated 6/29/64

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On June 13, 1964, ANDREW left New York City and drove to Oxford, Ohio with [REDACTED] New York City. The automobile was owned by [REDACTED] however, [REDACTED] were unable to describe the make, model or year of the car.

[REDACTED] were accompanied by a young girl from New York City whose name and address she does not know. This girl intended to work with the group of college students on civil rights activities at Oxford, Ohio. [REDACTED] met the girl on one occasion [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has only a vague recollection of the girl's physical description. [REDACTED] believe that she could be readily located through [REDACTED] whose last known address was Oxford, Ohio.

[REDACTED] telephone call was made from Meridian, Mississippi, during the evening of June 19, 1964. ANDREW on this occasion [REDACTED] had arrived in Meridian and was working with MICKEY SCHWERNER on voter registration drives. [REDACTED] his address was 2550 1/2 Fifth Street, Meridian, Mississippi.

[REDACTED] furnished the interviewing agents with a postcard [REDACTED] received in the mail on the morning of June 24, 1964. The postcard is from [REDACTED] ANDREW.

[REDACTED] The card is post-marked "PM June 21, 1964, Meridian, Mississippi". [REDACTED]

which read as follows:

"I have arrived safely in Meridian, Mississippi. This is a wonderful town and the weather is fine. I wish you were here. The people in this city are wonderful and our reception was very good.

"All my love,

"Andy"

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[REDACTED] ANDREW has never been married and does not have a regular girl friend. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he had in his possession approximately \$90.00 in cash and a group of American Express Company Travelers Checks in either ten or twenty dollar denominations. [REDACTED] did not know the total cash value of the Travelers Checks, however, [REDACTED] maintained a list of the serial numbers of the checks. [REDACTED] records revealed the American Express Company Travelers Checks carried [REDACTED] ANDREW were numbered AA 64-486-894 to and including AA 64-486-903.

[REDACTED] ANDREW had in his possession a brown wallet. In his wallet were small slips of papers with the names and addresses of friends and associates in New York City. ANDREW's wallet, [REDACTED] did not contain personal photographs, membership cards or similar data.

[REDACTED] ANDREW, [REDACTED] was not wearing any jewelry, medals, wrist watch, rings or other ornaments. [REDACTED] he has never been arrested by any police department. [REDACTED] do not believe he was ever fingerprinted, however, in 1959, ANDREW applied for and received a United States Passport for travel to Europe. [REDACTED] it is possible that ANDREW may have been fingerprinted when applying for the passport.

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[REDACTED] ANDREW's clothing consisted of summer weight kahki shirts and trousers either tan or black in color.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ANDREW's closest friend is [REDACTED] who attended Walden, a private school in New York City, with ANDREW. They both graduated in 1961,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ANDREW left New York City he had in his possession a current New York State driver's license and a salmon-colored sheet of paper with the names of five different individuals in New York City whom he could contact for bail money if he ever were arrested in Mississippi.

[REDACTED] did not keep a list of these people whom ANDREW should contact, [REDACTED] was able to identify them from memory as being:

1. The law firm of Wolf, Popper, Ross, Wolf and Jones, 845 Third Avenue, New York, New York;

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2. [REDACTED] New York, New York;

3. [REDACTED] New York, New York;

4. [REDACTED] New York, New York;

5. [REDACTED] is not sure who the fifth person was, but believes it may have been [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT W. GOODMAN, [REDACTED] New York, New York.

[REDACTED] was requested to obtain the name of ANDREW GOODMAN's present physician and dentist. [REDACTED] advised the interviewing agents that ANDREW's dentist was WILLIAM DIAMOND, DDS. Dr. DIAMOND's office is located on 57th Street in New York City. [REDACTED] was ANDREW's personal physician.

[REDACTED] furnished the interviewing agents with current photographs of ANDREW. [REDACTED] furnished samples of his handwriting.

[REDACTED] ANDREW was a level-headed, responsible young boy who never was involved in any trouble with the local police department and was not the type of boy who engaged in "practical jokes". [REDACTED] read several items in New York City newspapers which indicated that some people believed that ANDREW and the other two boys missing in Mississippi might have intentionally disappeared. [REDACTED] was inconceivable ANDREW would be involved in such a hoax. [REDACTED] would immediately advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation if they heard [REDACTED] or received any information concerning his whereabouts.

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[REDACTED] furnished the following physical description of ANDREW GOODMAN:

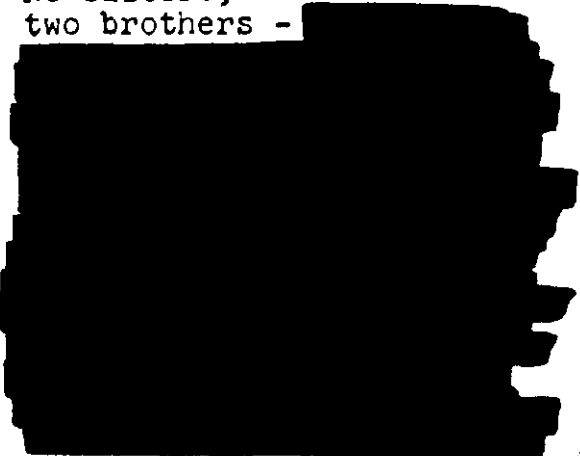
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| Full Name        | ANDREW GOODMAN  |
| Race             | White   |
| Sex              | Male  |
| Date of Birth    | November 23, 1943   |
| Place of Birth   | New York City   |
| Height           | Approximately 5'9½"   |
| Weight           | Approximately 150 pounds  |
| Build            | Slim to medium  |
| Hair             | Dark brown, wavy  |
| Eyes             | Brown   |
| Characteristics  | Does not wear glasses, jewelry, wrist watch, medals, rings or other ornaments; occasionally smokes a pipe, but does not smoke cigarettes; has never been confined to any hospital and has never undergone an operation or extensive medical treatment.                          |
| Military Service | None  |
| Scars and Marks  | ANDREW does not have any clearly visible scars or marks on his body [REDACTED]<br>[REDACTED] He does have many small brown moles on his body.<br>[REDACTED] ANDREW does have a small imperceptible scar at the corner of his left eye which he received when five years of age. |

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Brothers and Sisters

No sisters;  
two brothers -



Education

ANDREW graduated from Walden, a private school in New York City, in 1961. He attended the University of Wisconsin for approximately one year and then transferred to Queens College, New York, where he is an anthropology major and has completed two and one-half years of school. b7C

Hobbies

ANDREW is an avid reader and is interested in the arts. He has performed in several amateur stage plays and is interested in folk music.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JAMES EARL CHANEY, left home on Sunday morning, June 21, 1964, between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM. [REDACTED] that he would be back "directly." [REDACTED] has neither seen nor heard from him since and has no idea where he may be.

[REDACTED] he was wearing dark green cotton trousers which were worn white in the seat. The seams of the pockets on each side were torn. He was also wearing a white T-shirt and brown leather slip-in shoes with rubber soles. [REDACTED] shoes were old and the heel portion of each was flattened out. [REDACTED] he probably had no socks on. He also had a western-style straw hat with several integration movement buttons attached to it.

[REDACTED] he was driving a 1963 medium blue Ford station wagon belonging to the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO).

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a photograph [REDACTED] which [REDACTED] was taken in the spring of 1963 and was an excellent likeness.

[REDACTED]

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| Name   | JAMES EARL CHANEY, also known as JAMES, J. E. |
| Race   | Negro   |
| Sex    | Male  |
| Height | 5'7"  |
| Weight | 135 - 140 pounds                              |
| Hair   | Black, short                                  |
| Eyes   | Brown   |

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| Complexion           | Dark brown  |
| Date of birth        | May 30, 1943  |
| Place of birth       | Meridian, Mississippi   |
| Teeth                | Good, no fillings, none missing   |
| Scars                | 1" cut scar 2" above left ear,<br>scar on big toe, possibly<br>right foot   |
| Residence            | 614 39th Avenue,<br>Meridian, Mississippi   |
| Employment           | Is an apprentice plasterer, has<br>worked for father and various<br>construction companies in the<br>Meridian area  |
| Military service     | None  |
| Education            | Completed 10th grade  |
| Friends              | [REDACTED]<br>Mississippi   |
| Girl friends         | [REDACTED]  |
| Illness              | Has asthma, was giving him<br>considerable trouble at the time<br>of his disappearance. Has on<br>occasion been admitted to the<br>hospital for this condition.<br>Takes nonprescription tablets<br>which he left home. |
| Habits               | Smokes Winston and Salem<br>cigarettes. Does not drink<br>hard liquor but may on occasion<br>drink a little beer  |
| Relatives:<br>Father | BEN AMOS CHANEY [REDACTED]  |

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Sisters

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Uncles and aunts

Grandparents

JOHN and JULIA CHANEY,  
[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 27, 1964

ERNEST KIRKLAND, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, advised that he is a member of Congress of Federated Organizations (COFO) (Meridian) [REDACTED]

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KIRKLAND furnished the following descriptions:

Name: MICKEY SCHWERNER  
Age: 24-25  
Height: Five feet  
Weight: 160-165 pounds  
Build: Medium  
Peculiarities: Wore goatee and carries a wristwatch,  
without band, in pocket  
Wearing apparel: Light blue denim workshirt with  
long sleeves rolled up to elbows.  
Black dungarees (faded). Shoes -  
medium high boot type, suade, possibly  
green.

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Name: JAMES CHANEY  
Age: 26-27  
Height: Five feet six inches  
Weight: 145-150 pounds  
Build: Slender  
Complexion: Dark  
Race: Negro  
Clothes: White T-shirt; dark trousers; shoes -  
grey suede, walked with backs of them  
pushed down

Name: ANDREW GOODMAN  
Age: 20-21  
Height: Five feet six inches  
Weight: 155  
Build: Medium  
Peculiarities: Needed shave, round face  
Complexion: Dark  
Clothes: Trousers - fairly new dark blue denims.

He described the Ford stationwagon as follows:

Color: Medium blue  
Year: About 1961  
Extras: Had luggage rack



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date June 26, 1964

[redacted] on  
June 21, 1964, at about 11:00 a.m., MICHAEL SCHWERNER, JAMES  
CRANEY, and ANDREW GOODMAN arrived [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] SCHWERNER said at one point that they "had to be" in Philadelphia, Mississippi, by 1:00 p.m. that day. [redacted] not know why they had to be there as there was never any specific reason mentioned other than the fact that they wanted to go to the Philadelphia area to investigate the church burning. [redacted] none of them mentioned any person by name or implication that they intended to meet while in the Philadelphia area. [redacted] the three of them left the house sometime shortly after 12:00 Noon possibly about 12:15 p.m.

[redacted] SCHWERNER was wearing a blue, long sleeve shirt and black trousers made out of the same material as coveralls. He does not recall what sort of shoes SCHWERNER was wearing.

[redacted] SCHWERNER was wearing a white faced, yellow gold, round, wrist watch which has the numerals 12, 3, 6, and 9 on its face and wedge like marks in place of the remaining numerals. [redacted] thinks that SCHWERNER generally wears a wedding band.

[redacted] CRANEY had on bib type overalls and a tee shirt. He was wearing a straw sun hat and possibly had some black leather shoes on. He does not think that CRANEY was wearing any jewelry. [redacted] has hardly ever seen CRANEY with a wrist watch.

[redacted] GOODMAN was wearing blue jeans and short sleeve shirt the color of which he does not remember. [redacted] does not recall what kind of shoes GOODMAN was wearing and does not remember if he was wearing any jewelry.

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Date June 26, 19641

[REDACTED] was contacted by MICKEY SCHWERNER, a white male, another white male, and (FNU) CHANEY, a Negro male, and talked with them on June 21, 1964, regarding the burning of the Mount Zion Methodist Church on June 16, 1964.

[REDACTED] left about 1:30 P.M., traveling in the direction of [REDACTED] residence near the Mount Zion Methodist Church.

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1Date June 30, 1964

[REDACTED]  
furnished the following information:

At approximately 1:15 P.M., on June 21, 1964, MICHAEL H. SCHWERNER, JAMES EARL CHANEY, and ANDREW GOODMAN, [REDACTED] came to [REDACTED] in a blue station wagon. SCHWERNER asked him what had happened, apparently leading into conversation concerning the burning of the Mount Zion Methodist Church. He told SCHWERNER that the church had been burned to which SCHWERNER inquired as to how it happened and who did it. He told SCHWERNER he could not answer these questions. After approximately five minutes, [REDACTED] left in the station wagon indicating they were going to the residence of [REDACTED] who might be able to furnish them more information. They left traveling in the direction of the Sandtown Road. At no time did either of them give any indication as to where they had come from or where they were going, except possibly to [REDACTED] residence, and he surmised that they must have stopped at [REDACTED]

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File # NO 44-2227  
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c  
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Date June 28, 19641 :

[REDACTED] voluntarily furnished  
the following information: *Philadelphia, Miss.*

On Sunday, June 21, 1964, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., four males drove up to his residence driving a solid blue station wagon which had a rack on top and asked to see his parents. He told him that his parents were gone and the males then left in their station wagon.

Two of the males were Negro, one of which he knew by the name of [REDACTED] and the other Negro who he did not know and who he could not describe. The other two white males were unknown to him but he described one white as being heavy set and short with black hair and a beard on his chin. This white male was wearing blue jeans. [REDACTED] could not recall the description of the other white male.

[REDACTED] does not know MICHAEL SCHWERNER or ARTHUR GOODMAN.

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by SAs [REDACTED] *b7C* :eeb Date dictated 6/28/64

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 26, 19641

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (FNU) CHANEY, a Negro male, and two white males, came during the early afternoon on June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] last saw the three when they left [REDACTED] heading in a southerly direction toward Highway 16, at about 2:30 P.M., on that same date. [REDACTED] before they left [REDACTED] they indicated they were returning to Meridian, Mississippi.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who formerly resided at [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, was the pastor at the Mount Zion Methodist Church; however, he had recently been transferred from that church and was replaced by a new pastor, Reverend [REDACTED] from Sumrall, Mississippi.

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II. PURSUIT OF VICTIMS BY DEPUTY SHERIFF  
CECIL RAY PRICE PRIOR TO ARREST

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Bureau Agents  
east on Route 16 to the point where a sign indicates  
a turn-off to Post 138, American Legion Lake Road.  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

.2 of a mile west, [redacted] met  
victims' station wagon;

An additional .5 of a mile where Patrolman WIGGS  
and POE were parked near a shade tree;

An additional .8 of a mile to a point where he  
indicated this to be the first time he caught sight of  
victims' station wagon.

After traveling another 2.1 miles he pointed  
this out as the place where he got within two to four  
car lengths of victims' station wagon and began clocking  
them at 65 m.p.h. This point is near the Brewer-Chapman  
Grocery Store. From this point to the Philadelphia City  
limits is .6 plus of a mile. He continued to clock the  
victims' station wagon at 65 m.p.h., an additional .6 of  
a mile, at which point he turned on his red light, honked  
his horn [redacted]

[redacted] At this  
point, the station wagon could not pull off the road due  
to some posts being on the shoulder to keep persons from  
driving into the ditch. The station wagon proceeded another  
.3 of a mile where he took the right fork of the road near  
the Methodist Church and at this point came to a stop.  
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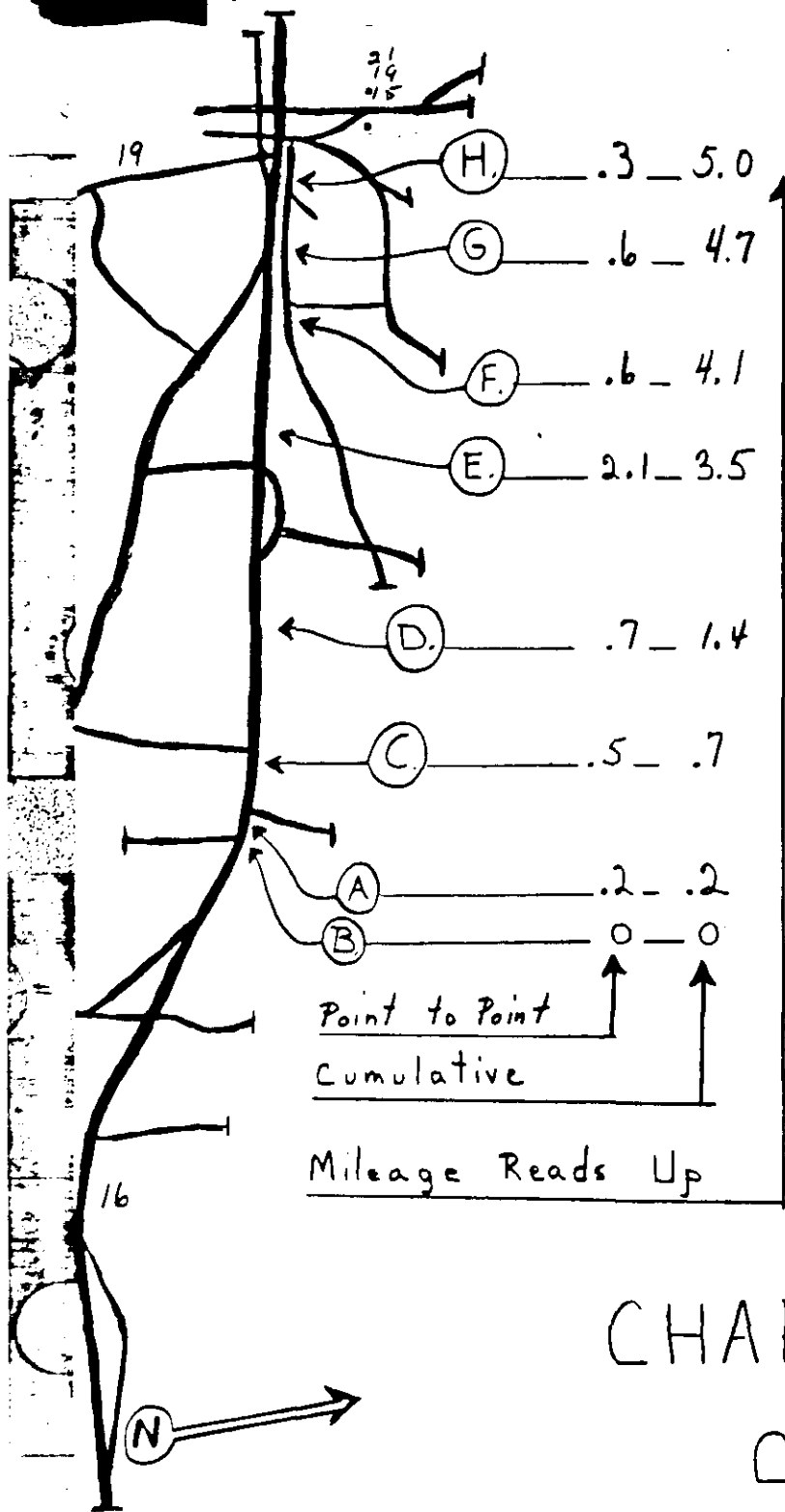
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PRICE was proceeding east on Highway 16 at about 65 miles an hour intending to turn right on the Legion Lake Road (Point B) when approximately .2 of a mile west of that point (Point A), he met victims' station wagon. He went on to the Legion Lake Road, reversed his path, and followed the victims. .7 of a mile from Point B he observed Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolmen WIGGS and POE parked at Point C. During this period the station wagon was not in his sight. He saw it again at Point D which is 1.4 miles from Point B. He proceeded an additional 2.1 miles to Point E where he began to clock victims' speed. This was 3½ miles from Point B. 4.1 miles from Point B he passed the Philadelphia City Limits (Point F). Clocking the car an additional .6 of a mile, he turned on his red emergency light and sounded his horn to signal victims to stop at Point G which is 4.7 miles from Point B. They travelled an additional .3 of a mile to Point H where they pulled off the road, changed a tire, and were placed under arrest. This is approximately 5 miles from Point B. All distances and locations were measured from points [REDACTED]

Locations on the map are approximate. Photographs of Points A through H are on the following pages. b7c b7d

## CHART & SUMMARY OF EVENTS

### PRIOR TO ARREST

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 13, 19641

On August 11, 1964, the distances from the various places on Highway 16 pointed out by Deputy Sheriff PRICE were gauged on the speedometer of Bureau automobile, a 1963 Chevrolet. The distances are as follows:

| <u>LOCATION</u>  | <u>MILEAGE</u> |
|--|----------------|
| Legion Lake Road                                       | 29,525.1       |
| Point where victims' station wagon first seen by PRICE | 29,525.3       |
| Location Patrolmen WIGGS and FOE                       | 29,525.8       |
| Victims' station wagon again seen by PRICE             | 29,526.5       |
| Point speed check began                                | 29,528.6       |
| Philadelphia City limits                               | 29,529.2 plus  |
| PRICE turned on red light, sounded horn                | 29,529.8       |
| Place where station wagon stopped and victims arrested | 29,530.1       |

All places [redacted] were photographed by SA [redacted] b7c, b7d.

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] b7c/ldo Date dictated 8/12/64



A. Point where PRICE saw victims' car traveling in opposite direction.

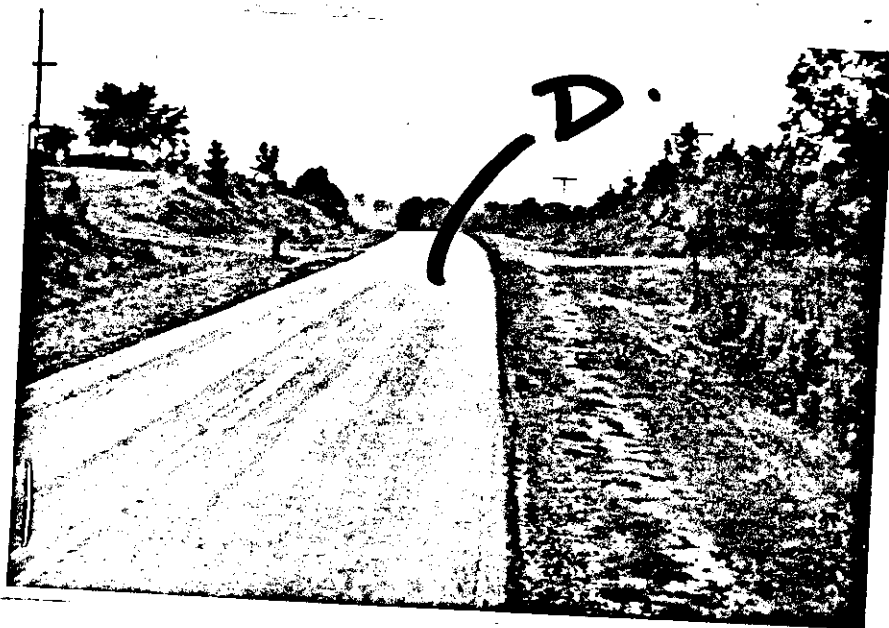
B. Legion Lake Road where PRICE turned around to pursue victims' car.

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C. Location MHSP Officers WIGGS and POE were parked.

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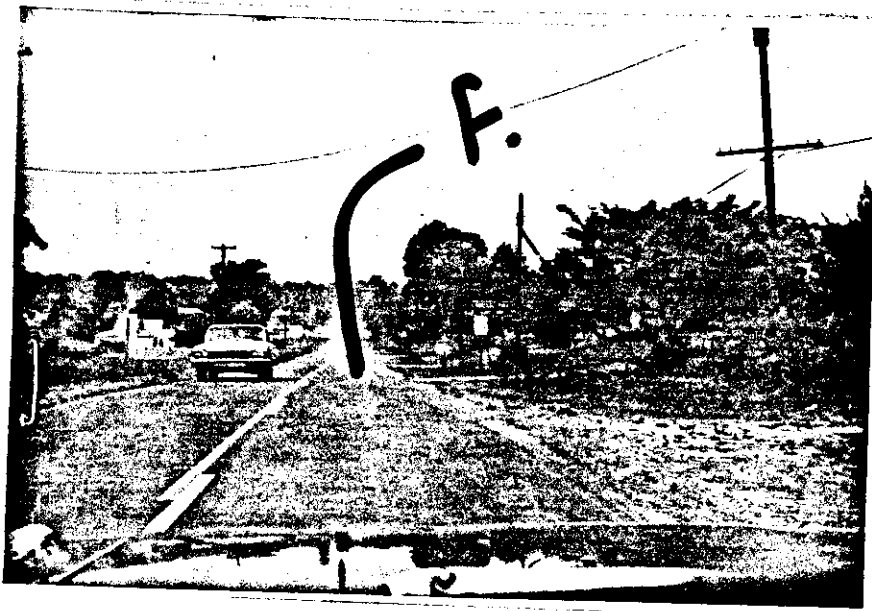
D. Location at which PRICE again saw victims' car after turning around at Legion Lake Road.

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E. Point at which speed check began.

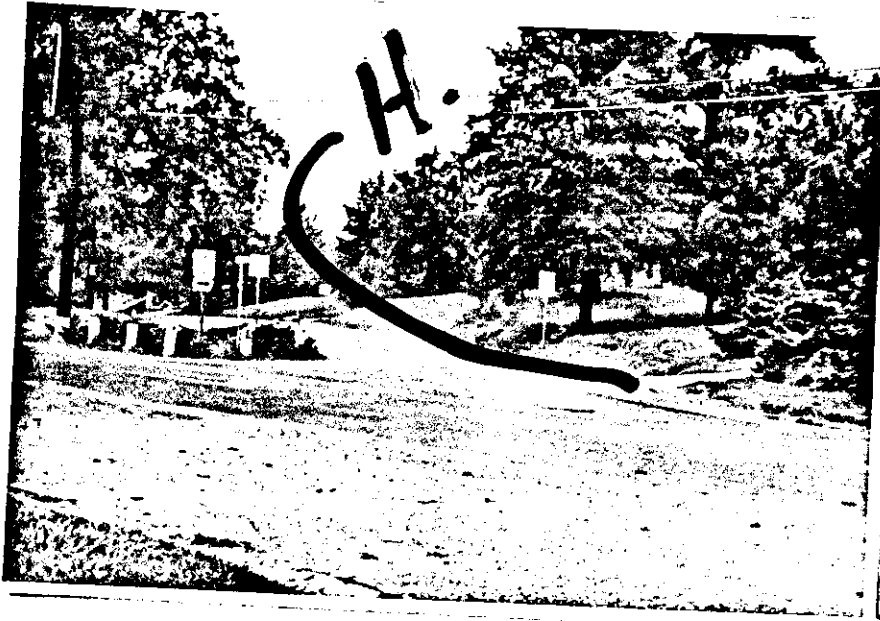
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F. Philadelphia City Limits.



G. Point at which PRICE turned on red emergency light and sounded horn.



H. Point at which victims  
stopped, changed tire,  
and were placed under  
arrest.

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Based upon tests conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory on Highway 16 approximately 5 miles east of Philadelphia, Mississippi, it was concluded that an average 180-degree high speed turn would require approximately 10 seconds to complete from the time braking was begun at a speed of 65 miles per hour until the car was turned around and started to move forward in the opposite direction. b7c

Taking into account the above determination and under the following conditions:

1. The car CHANEY was driving was traveling west on Highway 16 and maintaining a constant speed of 65 miles per hour into Philadelphia. The speed estimate is based on observations of Officers WIGGS and POE who observed the car pass their parked position and estimated that it was traveling within the speed limit which is 65 miles per hour. [REDACTED] when he was close enough to the car CHANEY was driving to clock it he clocked it at a speed of 65 miles per hour into the city of Philadelphia. b7c, b7D
2. Deputy Sheriff PRICE passed the car CHANEY was driving moving in the opposite direction at a point 4.8 miles east of the place in the city of Philadelphia where this car was subsequently stopped and the occupants placed under arrest.
3. Deputy Sheriff PRICE drove at 65 miles per hour .2 of a mile further east of the point where he passed the car driven by CHANEY, turned around, and pursued this car. It is noted that Highway Patrolmen WIGGS and POE estimated that PRICE was traveling at approximately the same speed the car driven by CHANEY was traveling and within view of this car at the time it passed their position.

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Based upon the data set forth above [REDACTED] PRICE would have had to drive at the following average speeds to achieve the results he described in demonstrating the circumstances surrounding the apprehension of CHANEY and his companions. b7C, b7D

1. In order to approach and clock the car CHANEY was driving at a point 1.5 miles east of the final stopping and arresting place within the city of Philadelphia, he would have had to drive at an average speed of approximately 78 miles per hour.
2. In order to catch and stop the car CHANEY was driving at the point of arrest, he would have had to drive at an average speed of approximately 73 miles per hour.

In evaluating the data set forth above, one additional known factor should be taken into consideration. [REDACTED] approximately 10 minutes elapsed between the time [REDACTED] observed PRICE proceeding east past the position [REDACTED] occupied and his return following the car driven by CHANEY. b7C, b7D

Another item of interest in evaluating Deputy Sheriff PRICE's [REDACTED] apprehension of CHANEY and his companions is the fact that he was in radio communication with Highway Patrolmen WIGGS and POE who customarily work their traffic on Highway 16 at the spot where they were observing and pursued speeders from this spot. There was no need for him to follow the car CHANEY was driving to bring it within the observation of the officers since a radio alert to the Highway Patrol would have caused this car to be pursued if the speed was such they were in obvious violation of the traffic regulations on Highway 16. b7C, b7D

III. ARREST OF VICTIMS CHANEY, GOODMAN  
AND SCHWERNER ON JUNE 21, 1964 AT  
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On July 2, 1964, SA [REDACTED] reviewed "Radio Station Log, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Meridian, Mississippi, Sub-station" furnished July 2, 1964, by [REDACTED] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Commanding Officer, Meridian Sub-station, to SA [REDACTED] for the date of June 21, 1964, and the following entry was recorded thereon: The operator was [REDACTED] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Meridian Sub-station. At the time of 1634 (4:34 p.m.), from Unit Station 110 (Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Car 110, Officers POE and WIGGS, assigned Neshoba County) to Unit Station A929 "10-28 on H25503".

A 10-28 is "full registration information - J1 vehicle - J2 driver". Entry recorded at 1637 (4:37 p.m.) from Station A929 to Car 110 was "10-28 reply".

This entry reflects that the reply for the above requested information regarding 1964 Mississippi License H25503 was received by Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Car 110.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 26, 19641

[REDACTED] a Negro male, was stopped for speeding 70 miles per hour within the city limits of Philadelphia, where the designated speed limit is 30 miles per hour. [REDACTED] in the car with CHANEY were MICHAEL SCHWERNER and ANDREW GOODMAN, both white males, who were arrested for investigation and released on the same date at approximately 10:00 P.M. b7C, b7D

[REDACTED] placed CHANEY, SCHWERNER, and GOODMAN in the Neshoba County Jail at Philadelphia, Mississippi. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the fine would be \$20 for the speeding violation of CHANEY. [REDACTED] upon payment of the fine, they were all released at about 10 P.M., June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] b7C, b7D

On 6/22/64 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # NO 44-2227

by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 6/26/64  
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[REDACTED] described the clothing of each of the three prisoners:

JAMES CHANEY

Wearing a light colored, possibly tan, slipover sport shirt with the shirt hanging out; wearing blue pants, believed to be regular blue jean type pants; low-quarter fabric shoes with laces in them, such as tennis shoes or play shoes; a hat which he left in the station wagon which was light tan straw-colored with a wide brim and a wide multi-colored band about two inches wide; CHANEY had on no socks.

MICHAEL SCHWERNER

Wearing medium blue baseball cap, possibly woolen,

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and kept his cap on all the time; blue-gray denim or similar type fabric work shirt which buttoned all the way up the front and which was hanging outside his pants; black leather belt; blue jean pants; canvas, dirty white shoes with rubber soles, such as tennis shoes; no socks.

SCHWERNER also noted to have a crew cut and prominent goatee covering his entire chin area which was black, the same color as his hair.

ANDREW GOODMAN

Black hair with no hat or cap; needed a shave and had about two days' growth of beard; wearing blue-gray work shirt of chambray type material which was about the same as SCHWERNER's shirt and buttoned up the front; blue jean pants of the same type as worn by SCHWERNER and CHANEY; canvas shoes, light colored, possibly dirty white, and was wearing socks, color not recalled.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 30, 1964*Earl Robert Poe*

Patrolman EARL R. POE, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, was advised of the identities of Special Agents [REDACTED] and was advised by Special Agent [REDACTED] of his right to consult with an attorney prior to making any statement or furnishing any information. He was advised that any statement he made must be voluntary and could be used against him in a court of law.

*b.* [REDACTED]

Patrolman POE advised as well as he could recall about 3:00 p.m., June 21, 1964, he and Patrolman HARRY WIGGS of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol received a call over their radio from Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE asking for assistance in bringing three people to jail. He gave his location as the Methodist Church which is at the intersection of Beacon and Main Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

POE said they were in the vicinity of Philadelphia and arrived at the intersection of Beacon and Main Streets in a very short while. When they arrived, PRICE and those under arrest were changing a tire on the blue station wagon. They were all helping and the station wagon rolled off the jack once [REDACTED] one of those under arrest to get into the station wagon and put his foot on the brake to keep it from rolling off the jack.

[REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mem [REDACTED] Date dictated 6/30/64

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He stated when they got the tire fixed, Patrolman WIGGS got into the station wagon. At the time, he thought the Negro boy got into the automobile with PRICE but learned later from WIGGS that the Negro boy rode in the station wagon with WIGGS to the jail. He said the two white boys got into his Highway Patrol Car in the back seat.

The station wagon left, followed by PRICE and they proceeded down Beacon Street.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7/1/64

Patrolman E. R. POE, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of interviewing Agents [REDACTED] He furnished the following voluntary information:

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On 6/29/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # 44-2227  
by SA [redacted] and b7c. [redacted]  
SA [redacted] /sab Date dictated 6/29/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date July 6, 1964

Patrolman EARL R. POE, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, was informed of the identities of the interviewing Agents as representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by SA [REDACTED]. He was informed he had a right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement, that any statement he might make could be used against him in a court of law, that no threats or promises were made to him, and that any statement which he might make should be freely and voluntarily made.

Thereafter, he conducted the Agents from Philadelphia, Mississippi, over State Highway Number 16 pointing to the location where the three missing individuals were observed with Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE on June 21, 1964, changing a tire on a Ford stationwagon, the location where he and Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman HARRY J. WILKES in their patrol car were parked on that highway on June 21, 1964, when they received the first radio request from PRICE for assistance and other locations along that route.

[REDACTED]

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At approximately 1:00 P. M. on June 21, 1964, he "went on duty" by entering the patrol car [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] they parked their patrol car on State Highway Number 16, East of Philadelphia, Mississippi, at the location previously designated to the interviewing Agents. The time of taking up that position could not be precisely recalled but he thought it was "about 3:00 P. M." or "not long after 3:00 P. M." The point where they parked was located at the entrance of a seldom used lane entering Highway 16 from the south, one that was well shaded by large trees, and one located so that there was a slight rise in the highway to the east of this location.

[REDACTED] a recent model Ford stationwagon passed on Highway 16 proceeding toward Philadelphia, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As this car "topped" the rise just to the east of his location, the car was observed to "let off of it" as it came into view of the patrol car. This was explained as something the average motorist automatically does on observing a marked patrol car at the side of the highway. This vehicle passed his location

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at a speed he could not estimate nor could he express an opinion as to whether it was or was not exceeding the lawful speed limit at that point. This car then passed out of his vision to the west continuing to Philadelphia, Mississippi. Shortly thereafter Deputy Sheriff PRICE, in his patrol car, was observed passing this point from east to west also headed toward Philadelphia, Mississippi. Again Patrolman POE could neither estimate the speed of PRICE nor could he estimate how far behind the stationwagon PRICE was at the time of passing his location.

Shortly thereafter, again time not recalled, he heard Deputy Sheriff PRICE on the patrol radio state he was chasing a speeder and requesting assistance. He and Patrolman WIGGS, in their car, then started toward Philadelphia on this same highway in response to this request.

When he and Patrolman WIGGS arrived at the location of both PRICE and this stationwagon, he observed the occupants and PRICE engaged in changing a tire on the stationwagon.

After leaving the Neshoba County Jail he and Patrolman WIGGS had parked on the square of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and had met their superior, Inspector KING of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and conferred with him for a short period of time.

a request made for a record check on the license on the stationwagon. This request was made during the time he and Patrolman WIGGS were conferring with their superior.

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[REDACTED]

By reference to his "Court Record Book" he stated that he had issued a citation on Highway 19 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His book was exhibited and reflected this data. [REDACTED]

It was his recollection this citation was issued about 2:05 P. M. on June 21, 1964, but he could not be positive without examining the original citation or one of the copies. None of these were any longer in his possession.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 6, 1964

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[REDACTED] Patrolman EARL R. POE,  
Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, [REDACTED]

During the same described interview, the following distances were recorded by speedometer as Patrolman POE pointed out indicated locations.

All distances measured from the location of the Dallas Welding and Repair Shop, inside the Philadelphia City Limits on State Highway 16 proceeding in an easterly direction. Distance to the intersection of Main and Beacon Streets, the point identified by POE as the location of the station wagon when he arrived at the scene on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, 1/10 mile. City limits sign for the city of Philadelphia, 9/10ths mile. Location where Patrolmen POE and WIGGS parked when station wagon passed them going in a westerly direction, 4 and 4/10ths miles. Turn off to American Legion Lake, 5 miles. Road turning off to Mount Zion Church, 7 and 3/10ths miles. Distance to Mount Zion Church, 10 and 7/10ths miles.

It was further observed that the location pointed out by Patrolman POE as the location where he and Patrolman WIGGS were parked on Highway 16, east of Philadelphia, Mississippi, on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, was the location of a lane leading into Highway 16 from the south and was shaded by large trees. The location in addition had a low hill or "rise" in Highway 16 immediately to the east thereof.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/14/64

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The following is a signed statement furnished by  
EARL ROBERT POE on November 11, 1964:

"November 11, 1964  
Meridian, Mississippi

"I, Earl Robert Poe, do hereby make the following statement to Joseph A. Sullivan whom I know to be an Inspector in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This statement is made of my own free will. No duress or threats have been employed to cause me to make this statement. I have been advised of my right to legal counsel before making this statement. I realize that it may be used against me in a court of law.

"I am a patrolman in the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) and am assigned to Neshoba County, Mississippi in the performance of my normal duties.

"The following data relates to my activities while on official business as a trooper in the MHSP on June 21, 1964:

"I undertook my official duties assisted by Patrolman Harry J. Wiggs at approximately 1:00 PM. We employed Car #110 and initiated the day's activities with routine patrol.

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On 11/10, 11, 13/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # TK 44-1

by INSPECTOR [REDACTED] <sup>b7C</sup> :bjm Date dictated 11/13/64

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[REDACTED] at approximately 2:05 PM on this afternoon I issued a traffic citation on Highway 19 at Tucker, Mississippi

[REDACTED]. Following this at about 3:00 PM, Wiggs and I patrolled east of Philadelphia on Highway 16. In connection with this activity, we parked our vehicle in a site [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] approximately 4.4 miles outside of the city. We assumed this stationary observation post at about 3:00 PM. Sometime thereafter and relatively shortly, Neshoba County Deputy Sheriff Cecil Ray Price passed our observation post.

"Sometime after this and while Price was still east of our position on Highway 16, he made radio contact with us and made a comment to the effect that 'I've got a good one, George Raymond.' [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"Shortly after his transmission and within about ten minutes from the time he had passed us traveling east, Price passed us again proceeding in a westerly direction. He was traveling within approximate eye view of a blue station wagon occupied by three individuals whom I subsequently learned were James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman. Price smiled in our direction but there was no radio communication.

"Neither this station wagon nor Price appeared to be exceeding the speed limit at the time they passed our position. I did note that the station wagon eased off as it topped the rise behind us but

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this is a customary gesture for a driver upon observing a marked patrol vehicle and did not indicate that the speed was excessive.

"Shortly after this, the precise time being uncertain, Price called on the radio stating he was chasing a speeder and he requested assistance. Wiggs and I proceeded toward Philadelphia in response to this request. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When I arrived upon the scene where Price had the speeders in custody, I observed that the occupants of the station wagon were engaged in changing a tire on their vehicle.

"Wiggs and I assisted Price in his activities by participating in transporting the prisoners and their vehicle to the Neshoba County Jail where Price proposed to book them - James Chaney he was to charge with speeding, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman were to be held for investigation.

"At the time of the initial transmission by Price, which I have described above, I did not understand the significance of Price's comment that he had a good one, George Raymond. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] familiar with the activities of the head of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), George Raymond. It is my understanding that George Raymond was also supposed to have operated at times in Neshoba County.

"After delivering the prisoners to the jail in fulfillment of Price's request for assistance, Wiggs

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and I parked on the city square in Philadelphia and there met Inspector R. Maynard King, our Commanding Officer. While we were talking to Inspector King, Price joined us, discussed his arrest briefly and at his request we made an inquiry of the MHSP dispatcher in Meridian as to the registered owner of the vehicle the three arrested prisoners were driving. A short time later the Meridian dispatcher responded to this request for license check and by this time Price had already departed. However, it was learned through the radio transmissions that Price had received the identifying data concerning the vehicle through this radio transmission.

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[REDACTED] proceeded through Philadelphia south on Highway 19 for the purpose of making a check for dragsters south of the city before going off duty. We drove beyond the city limits to a Standard Oil Company Service Station at the top of a hill where Pilgrim's place of business is located. After we pulled up at the service station, almost immediately a vehicle pulled passed us and stopped. [REDACTED]

One of the occupants came back to the driver's side of our vehicle and asked Wiggs, 'Where is Price? Which way did he go?' Wiggs answered that he had not seen Price. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"I recalled this car as a 1958 Chevrolet which was red in color. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I observed the man who had inquired for Price [REDACTED]

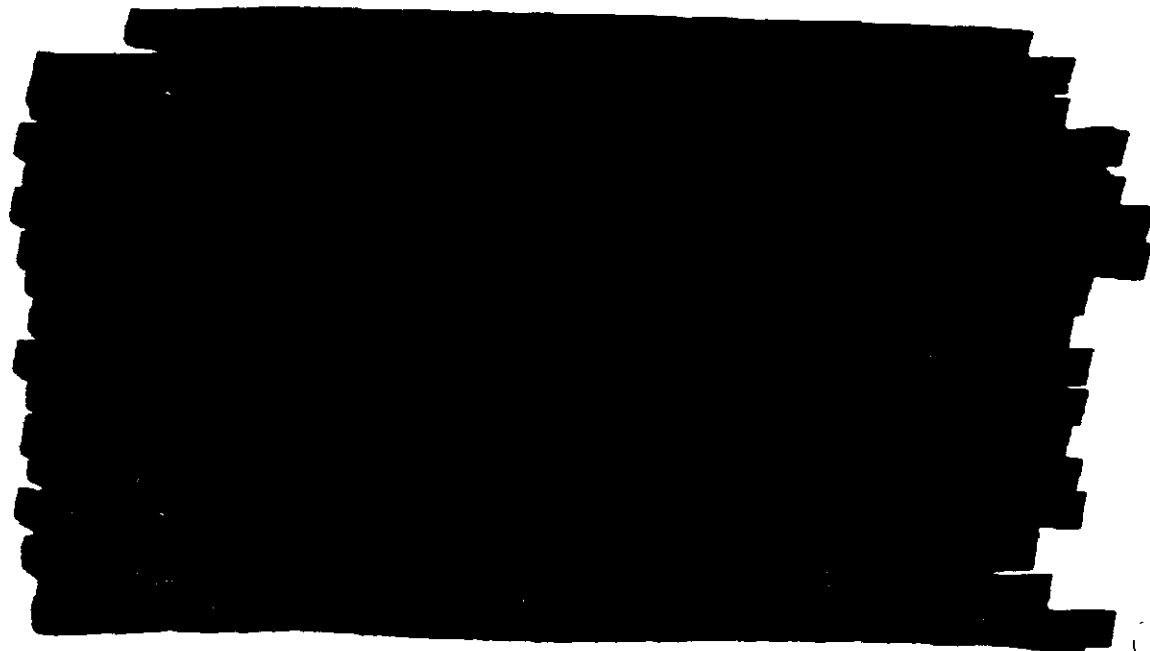



[REDACTED]

identified him as Billy Wayne Posey. Since this time I have learned that the vehicle Posey was driving was registered to him. It was used for some time by

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

"I have read the foregoing Statement of 10 pages and initialed each page. To the best of my Knowledge and belief this is a true Statement.

"/s/Earl Robert Poe

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"Witnessed:

"/s/ [REDACTED] Inspector, F. B. I.  
Meridian, Mississippi 11-13-64.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

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The contents of the foregoing signed statement were discussed with EARL ROBERT POE on November 10 and 11, 1964; thereafter, the results of the discussion were reduced to a signed statement which was reviewed and signed on November 13, 1964.

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POE furnished the following items of personal identification:

Name  
Date of birth  
Place of birth

EARL ROBERT POE

Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Marital status  
Children  
Address  
Occupation

[REDACTED]

Patrolman, Mississippi Highway  
Safety Patrol

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Date July 28, 1964

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[redacted] Miss.  
furnished the following information:

[redacted] June 21, 1964 [redacted]

between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. she heard a loud noise out on Highway 16 [redacted]

[redacted] saw a station wagon pulling off to the side of the road and a hubcap rolling down the street. [redacted] recalls that there were two white men and one Negro man in the station wagon and the Negro man went running down the street after the hubcap.

[redacted] only a few seconds after the station wagon stopped, Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE stopped in back of the station wagon and about ten minutes later, two Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolmen pulled up behind PRICE's car. [redacted] did not constantly watch the station wagon but was curious enough to look [redacted] from time to time [redacted] observed that the men in the station wagon changed a flat tire while Deputy PRICE and the highway patrolmen waited for them to change it. [redacted] the only other thing she remembers about the incident is that after the boys had finished changing the tire they proceeded west on Highway 16 towards Philadelphia and Deputy PRICE and the two highway patrolmen followed their automobile in what appeared to be a small procession. [redacted]

to the best of her memory the boys stopped to change their tire on Highway 16 between the Dallas Garage and the Methodist Church. [redacted] if she remembered any further details or heard any other information about the missing boys she would notify the FBI at once.

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Date August 17, 1964

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[redacted] was recontacted and furnished the following information concerning her observations of the arrest of the victims on Highway 16, Philadelphia, on the afternoon of June 21, 1964:

[redacted] Sunday, June 21, 1964. [redacted]

[redacted] about 3:30 to 4 P.M., [redacted]

[redacted] heard a noise coming from the highway and upon looking out of the window, saw a station wagon pulling off the side of the road [redacted] about the same time they saw a pickup rolling down the street and the Negro boy who had been driving going after same. [redacted] within just a few minutes [redacted] saw Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE pulling up behind the station wagon, having come from the east on Highway 16. [redacted] PRICE got out of his car and walked quickly to the station wagon and appeared to be checking identification. She did not see PRICE display any weapon or arrest tickets. [redacted] PRICE was driving a two-tone blue Chevrolet which she recognized as the car he uses in his capacity as Deputy Sheriff.

[redacted] within five minutes after they saw the station wagon, a highway patrol car also arrived and pulled in behind PRICE's car. [redacted] the highway patrol car had likewise come from the east on Highway 16.

[redacted] During the period of 15-20 minutes afterwards she observed that the two white boys and the Negro appeared to be changing the right rear tire on the station wagon while the police officers stood around.

[redacted] had the impression that the officers must have been chasing the boys for speeding but may have gotten this impression from newspaper accounts.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] after the tires were changed, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the three cars following one behind the other proceeded  
in the direction of Philadelphia on Highway 16 or Beacon Street.

[REDACTED] did not constantly watch the  
above incident but that from her observations she never saw any  
of the police officers display any weapons and the entire incident  
appeared very normal.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 18, 1964

B. APPROX

*Philad. Miss.*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Sunday afternoon, June 21, 1964, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in the yard  
when the victims' station wagon was stopped by Deputy  
CECIL PRICE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] heading into Philadelphia. [REDACTED]  
while he saw the vehicle driven by the victims and also  
the Highway Patrol car that he can furnish absolutely no  
information concerning the arrest of the victims or the  
circumstances surrounding their arrest. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Date July 7, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] June 21, 1964, on Sunday afternoon  
at about 3:30 P.M. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at about 3:30 P.M., a blue-gray 1960 or 1961 station wagon came into his view headed west on Highway 16 which would be toward Philadelphia, but a few miles from the city. [REDACTED] the car slowed up and came to a stop [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] three persons got out of the car. [REDACTED] two of these persons were young white men and the third was a young colored man. [REDACTED] the car had a flat tire on the rear right wheel and his attention was attracted to it when he heard a hubcap fall off the tire [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] just as the station wagon was stopping he noticed the car of Deputy CECIL PRICE of the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office pulling up behind the station wagon and stopping. [REDACTED] the three individuals that got out of the station wagon proceeded to change the rear tire. [REDACTED] they remained [REDACTED] for about 15 minutes, effecting the change of the tire, and he noticed they picked up their tools, threw them in the back of the station wagon, and closed the door.

[REDACTED] by this time two highway patrolmen had also come up to the area, parked their car, and got out. [REDACTED] the two white men got into the back seat of the highway patrol car and that the young Negro boy got into the station wagon and the three cars proceeded westward in the direction of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] did not notice what tools were  
picked up and put back into the station wagon, [REDACTED] has  
not noticed any tools lying [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 7, 19641

[REDACTED] had heard the account furnished to SAs [REDACTED] relating to his seeing a 1961 or 1962 blue-gray station wagon with two white men and a Negro stop [REDACTED] on Route 16, near Philadelphia, Mississippi, to change a flat on June 21, 1964.

[REDACTED] was present during the period of time that this activity took place.

[REDACTED] account furnished by [REDACTED] to the FBI in connection with this matter is correct in every detail as far as she can recall.

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SAs [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 6, 19641

[REDACTED] drove east past the intersection of Beacon and Main Streets in Philadelphia, about 3:30 P.M. on June 21, 1964.

[REDACTED] observed what he believes was the arrest of the three victims in this case by a local and state officer. A blue Ford station wagon with two young white men and one young Negro man had a flat on one of the rear tires at this intersection and two patrol cars were observed behind the station wagon with all three vehicles headed west. He could not identify the officers or the three other men because he drove by quickly and did not stop.

[REDACTED] could not further describe the scene.

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June 29, 1964

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on Sunday, June 21, 1964, at approximately 3:30 p.m.

were driving on Sandtown Road in the direction of Dekalb, Mississippi and approximately one mile from the Neshoba County Courthouse and at a place across the road from the Dallas Garage, she observed two white men and one Negro man standing beside a station wagon changing a flat tire. Standing with these three individuals was CECIL PRICE, the Chief Deputy Sheriff of Neshoba County. PRICE was driving a 1956 Chevrolet. [redacted] could not describe the automobile with the flat tire other than it was a station wagon. She could not recall the color of same. [redacted] could not identify the two white men or the Negro man. [redacted] could not identify the photographs of JAMES CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN, or MICHAEL SCHWERNER.

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Date July 3, 1964

B. APPROX [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised as follows: Miss

[REDACTED] saw the Ford stationwagon of the three civil rights workers parked on the north fork headed west about 50 yards west of the intersection of these two forks. A jack was holding the left rear wheel of the stationwagon off the ground but the left rear wheel had not been removed. A Negro male, believed to be CHANEY, and one of his white friends was standing beside the stationwagon on the right toward the front. [REDACTED] did not see the third of the three men. Deputy Sheriff PRICE was standing to the rear of the stationwagon and PRICE's car was parked immediately to the rear of the stationwagon. A Highway Patrol officer had parked his car also headed west to the rear of PRICE's car and was walking toward the stationwagon with what appeared to be a citation book in his hand. [REDACTED] continued to drive east and did not stop. This was about 1:25 P. M. June 21, 1964.

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Date July 3, 1964

B. APPROX [REDACTED]

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advised as follows:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] traveled east on Main Street, and as they passed the Mason Street intersection in town they saw a blue stationwagon headed west on Mason Street about 75 feet west of the Main Street intersection the stationwagon was parked and had part of the rear jacked up. [REDACTED] driving and did not pay much attention to the scene, but saw one white man standing beside the stationwagon. Behind the stationwagon and headed in the same direction was a blue Chevrolet police car known to be that of Deputy Sheriff PRICE, and behind that was a Highway Patrol car. A man believed to be Mr. PRICE was standing behind the stationwagon with a book in his hand as if he were writing out a ticket and approaching the stationwagon was a Highway Patrol officer in uniform.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] arrived two or three minutes before 2 P. M. on June 21, 1964. This is recalled because there was a discussion of the time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] estimated that [REDACTED]

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... the stationwagon and the above related incident at about  
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Date July 3, 1964

2. AP: [redacted]

[redacted] advised

as follows:

[redacted] saw the blue station-wagon which they believed had been used by the three civil rights workers in that area. The stationwagon was parked headed west on the north fork of Highway 16 with the left rear wheel jacked up. The wheel had not been removed. Deputy Sheriff PRICE was standing behind the stationwagon and had his car parked also behind the stationwagon and also headed west. Behind PRICE's car was a car of the Highway Patrol and a Highway Patrolman who was unknown by name was carrying what appeared to be a ticket book in his hand as he was walking from the patrol car toward the wagon. At the same time the man believed to be CHANEY and one of his white friends was standing on the right side of the stationwagon, and his other friend was looking under the stationwagon, as he was down on his knees on the left side of the wagon. [redacted] this was about 1:30 P. M. June 21, 1964, by his estimate, and he felt certain he could not be more than 15 minutes wrong in either direction in this estimate.

[redacted] on their arrival someone asked the time, and they began to discuss that it was 2 o'clock.

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IV. INCARCERATION OF VICTIMS AT THE  
NESHOBIA COUNTY JAIL, PHILADELPHIA,  
MISSISSIPPI, JUNE 21, 1964

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 26, 19641

The jail docket of the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia, Mississippi, was reviewed at which time it was ascertained the docket shows that JAMES E. CHANEY, a Negro male, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE for speeding on June 21, 1964, and that CHANEY paid a \$20 fine and was released on June 21, 1964. The docket also shows that MICHAEL SCHWERNER, a white male, and ANDREW GOODMAN, a white male, were arrested June 21, 1964, by Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE, and held for investigation, being released June 21, 1964. No times of arrest or release were reflected in the jail docket.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 15, 1964

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[REDACTED] Neshoba County Jail, produced the jail docket which revealed that the following individuals were incarcerated at that jail during June, 1964: b7C, b7D

| <u>Neshoba County Inmates</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Dates Jailed and Released</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| [REDACTED]                    | White Male         | Jailed 6/1/64<br>Released 6/2/64 |
| [REDACTED]                    | Male Indian        | Jailed 6/1/64<br>Released 6/4/64 |
| [REDACTED]                    | Male Indian        | Jailed 6/1/64<br>Released 6/1/64 |
| [REDACTED]                    | Male Indian        | Jailed 6/1/64<br>Released 6/8/64 |
| [REDACTED]                    | Male Indian        | Jailed 6/1/64<br>Released 6/1/64 |
| [REDACTED]                    | Negro Male         | Jailed 6/1/64<br>Released 6/3/64 |
| [REDACTED]                    | White Male         | Jailed 6/2/64<br>Released 6/3/64 |
| [REDACTED]                    | White Male         | Jailed 6/2/64<br>Released 6/5/64 |
| [REDACTED]                    | White Male         | Jailed 6/2/64<br>Released 6/6/64 |
| [REDACTED]                    | Negro Male         | Jailed 6/2/64<br>Released 6/2/64 |

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Neshoba County  
Inmates

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and Released

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| [REDACTED]        | Negro Male    | Jailed 6/16/64<br>Released 6/16/64 |
| [REDACTED]        | White Male    | Jailed 6/17/64<br>Released 6/18/64 |
| [REDACTED]        | White Male    | Jailed 6/18/64<br>Released 6/19/64 |
| [REDACTED]        | Male Indian   | Jailed 6/18/64<br>Released (?)     |
| [REDACTED]        | White Male    | Jailed 6/18/64<br>Released 6/18/64 |
| [REDACTED]        | White Male    | Jailed 6/19/64<br>Released 6/19/64 |
| [REDACTED]        | Negro Female  | Jailed 6/19/64<br>Released 6/19/64 |
| [REDACTED]        | Negro Male    | Jailed 6/19/64<br>Released 6/30/64 |
| [REDACTED]        | Female Indian | Jailed 6/19/64<br>Released 6/20/64 |
| [REDACTED]        | Negro Male    | Jailed 6/20/64<br>Released 6/21/64 |
| [REDACTED]        | White Male    | Jailed 6/20/64<br>Released 6/21/64 |
| JAMES E. CHANEY   | Negro Male    | Jailed 6/21/64<br>Released 6/21/64 |
| MICHAEL SCHWERNER | White Male    | Jailed 6/21/64<br>Released 6/21/64 |

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| <u>Neshoba County<br/>Inmates</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Dates Jailed<br/>and Released</u> |
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| ANDREW GOODMAN                    | White Male         | Jailed 6/21/64<br>Released 6/21/64   |
| [redacted]                        | Negro Male         | Jailed 6/21/64<br>Released 6/26/64   |
| [redacted]                        | White Male         | Jailed 6/21/64<br>Released 6/22/64   |
| [redacted]                        | White Male         | Jailed 6/21/64<br>Released 6/30/64   |
| [redacted]                        | White Male         | Jailed 6/21/64<br>Released 6/30/64   |
| [redacted]                        | White Male         | Jailed 6/22/64<br>Released 6/23/64   |
| [redacted]                        | White Male         | Jailed 6/22/64<br>Released 6/24/64   |
| [redacted]                        | White Male         | Jailed 6/22/64<br>Released 6/24/64   |
| [redacted]                        | White Female       | Jailed 6/25/64<br>Released 6/26/64   |
| [redacted]                        | White Male         | Jailed 6/25/64<br>Released 6/27/64   |
| [redacted]                        | Indian Male        | Jailed 6/27/64<br>Released 6/27/64   |
| [redacted]                        | Indian Male        | Jailed 6/28/64<br>Released 6/29/64   |
| [redacted]                        | White Male         | Jailed 6/28/64<br>Released 6/28/64   |

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Date 6/30/64

JAMES CHANEY, a Negro male, was arrested on June 21, 1964, for speeding and at the same time of his arrest two white males were arrested for investigation.

██████████ believed the three were arrested by Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINE, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia, Mississippi. ██████████ the three were released

the night of June 21, 1964, sometime after dark upon payment of CHANEY's fine of \$20 on the speeding charge.

██████████ advised of the missing status of the three persons ██████████ believes he heard one or more of the men advise they were heading for Meridian, Mississippi, at the time they were released from the jail.

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[REDACTED] released the three victims at 10:30 p.m., June 21, 1964, after [REDACTED] called the Justice of the Peace, LEONARD WARREN, and received from WARREN information as to how much the fine was for the violation of speeding.

[REDACTED] immediately upon receiving this information from Justice of the Peace LEONARD WARREN released the three victims, they paid their fine and walked out of the door of the jail. This was the last time [REDACTED] observed the victims.

[REDACTED] when the victims were placed in the jail [REDACTED] booked them in [REDACTED] was present at the time. [REDACTED] the victims were brought to the jail by Neshoba County Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE and searched by PRICE prior to putting them in the cell block. [REDACTED] did not observe Constable CLAYTON LIVINGSTON at the jail at the time the victims were booked in to the jail.

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Mrs. MINNIE HERRING, wife of the Jailer, Neshoba County Jail, Philadelphia, Mississippi, provided the following information: *Arrested - 1931 - 1932*

She advised that she assists her husband in the handling of inmates and other duties at the jail since her husband is not in good health. She advised that their records reflected that on June 21, 1964, JAMES CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN, and MICHAEL SCHWERNER had been arrested at Philadelphia. CHANEY was charged with speeding and the other two were held for investigation.

She said she recalled that at about 10:30 p.m., June 21, 1964, Deputy CECIL PRICE came to the jail and said he had been in touch with WARREN who suggested a fine of \$20.00 for CHANEY. She advised that the three were then released and departed in a station wagon.

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Date July 3, 1964

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Mrs. MINNIE LEE HERRING was contacted at the Neshoba County Jail, 422 Myrtle Street. She and her husband, Mr. HORACE VIRGIL MILTON HERRING, are jailers and reside in the jail building. She advised as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the arrest of the three COFO workers. She recalls that Deputy Sheriff PRICE brought the three COFO workers, one Negro and two white males, into the jail [REDACTED] He advised Mrs. HERRING that CHANEY had been arrested for speeding and that the other two boys were being held for investigation only. PRICE did not say for what they were being investigated. PRICE was alone at this time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Normally, car keys belonging to prisoners of the sheriff's office are turned over to her. Occasionally, they are left with the police department. In this instance, she did not receive any car keys and she recalls no mention

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being made of them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy PRICE returned to the jail sometime after 10:00 p.m. and stated that he had contacted Justice of the Peace WARREN and that he had set the bond at \$20. When advised of the bond, CHANEY shouted over and asked the two white prisoners if they had \$20. The dark haired boy looked through his wallet and advised that he did. The cash bond was paid at about 10:30 p.m., the three prisoners were released and left the jail. [REDACTED]

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June 21, 1964, at about 11:00 p.m. and at approximately 11:45 p.m. [redacted] brought in two white prisoners named RICHARD COWANS and JIMMY DOMMICK, who they had arrested for trespassing. Shortly thereafter, she said HUEL SULLIVAN was arrested for being drunk and disorderly by [redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date August 6, 1964

MINNIE POSEY HERRING, wife of the jailer of Neshoba County Jail, was re-interviewed and advised that she had furnished all the information she knew concerning the circumstances surrounding the missing civil rights workers who were lodged in the Neshoba County Jail on June 21, 1964.

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Date August 27, 19641

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[REDACTED]

recalls seeing MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, ANDREW GOODMAN, and JAMES EARL CHANEY at this time as all three were incarcerated in the jail. He did not converse with any of them and did not see them again.

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Date July 7, 1964

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two white males and a Negro were jailed. He knows this for the reason that he observed two white males and a Negro walking around the side of the building and he was later informed that the law had locked them up.

██████████ viewed a wanted flyer dated June 29, 1964, regarding ANDREW GOODMAN, JAMES EARL CHANEY, and MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER with descriptive data of each and stated that he was unable to identify the above three victims as the persons he observed at the Philadelphia jail on the afternoon of June 21, 1964.

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by SAs [redacted] 102 [redacted] :eeb Date dictated 7/7/64

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CECIL PRICE  
ailed two whites and a colored boy.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 30, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

At approximately 11:45 p.m. on June 21, [REDACTED] was arrested by Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY and LEONARD WARREN, Justice of the Peace, at Philadelphia, Mississippi. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Upon arrival at the above jail [REDACTED] placed in a cell with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] did not see the victims in instant case; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the only information he possesses relative to the victims in instant case being in the Neshoba County Jail on June 21, 1964, was the fact that [REDACTED] mentioned in idle talk that two white men and one Negro man had been at the above jail and had been released [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] between approximately 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. on June 21, 1964, he was returning from the country on Mississippi Route 16 leading into Philadelphia, Mississippi.

At approximately one-half mile from the center of Philadelphia on Route 16 and directly across the street from a church, he observed [REDACTED] b7c b7D

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two white men and one Negro man fixing a tire on a car. He also observed that Deputy Sheriff PRICE was standing near this car and apparently talking to or observing the individuals change the tire. He said that he did not stop to talk with the above individuals and that is the only information he possesses relative to any incident that might have occurred at that time.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date July 4, 1964

[REDACTED]

Midnight [REDACTED] at approximately 12:00  
[REDACTED]  
and arrested [REDACTED] and took him to the Philadelphia  
Jail.

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Date July 2, 1964

[REDACTED]  
and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] taken to the Neshoba County Jail and upon arrival at the jail saw Sheriff RAINEY and Justice of the Peace WARREN in the jail building. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the time was approximately 10:30 P. M. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] it was no earlier than 10:30 P. M. [REDACTED]

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Upon arrival at the jail, the only white prisoner in jail  
was [REDACTED] o7c

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Date July 2, 1964

[REDACTED]  
furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were arrested by Deputy Sheriff PRICE and Constable LIVINGSTON and an unknown Philadelphia city Police Department officer. [REDACTED] taken to the Neshoba County Jail, [REDACTED] arrived at the jail at approximately 10:30 P. M. [REDACTED] saw Sheriff RAINEY and Justice of the Peace WARREN in the jail building having just arrested [REDACTED] was the only other white prisoner in Philadelphia at that time.

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June 29, 1964

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sunday, June 21, 1964, some-  
time in the afternoon before dark he recalls seeing two  
white men and one Negro man in the Neshoba County Jail.  
[REDACTED] two white men were placed in a cell together  
and the Negro man was placed in a separate cell, with  
another Negro man. [REDACTED] cannot recall the  
exact time these men were placed in the above jail. [REDACTED]  
does not recall having seen them leave the above jail on the  
night of June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] did  
not talk to any of the above individuals and does not  
recall the identity of any of the other inmates of the  
jail who did talk to them.

Photographs of CHANEY, SCHWERNER, and GOODMAN  
were exhibited to [REDACTED] was unable to  
identify any of them as being identical with the individuals  
he saw at the Neshoba County Jail on the evening of  
June 21, 1964.

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June 29, 1964

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[REDACTED] recalls that on Sunday, June 21, 1964, a Negro male was placed in the cell with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] cannot recall the exact time this person was placed in the cell [REDACTED] it was sometime prior to darkness.

[REDACTED] did not talk with this individual to any extent and does not recall his name; however, this person told him that he had been arrested while fixing a flat tire on his automobile.

[REDACTED] this person remained in the jail until sometime after darkness, exact time he cannot recall, and was then released when he paid his fine.

[REDACTED] examined a photograph of victim CHANEY and stated that this photograph was identical with the person who was in the cell with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not see anyone who had been placed in the jail with CHANEY and that he did not talk with CHANEY to any extent and that the only thing CHANEY told him was that he, CHANEY, was going home upon his release from the Neshoba County Jail. He said that CHANEY did not tell him where home was or how he intended going there.

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1Date July 4, 1964

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was in jail on Sunday, June 21, 1964, when at approximately 5 P. M. a colored boy was placed in the cell [REDACTED] was shown a photograph of JAMES CHANEY and said it was identical with the boy who was placed in the cell [REDACTED]. He said he understood CHANEY was arrested with some white boys who were in another section of the jail. [REDACTED] CHANEY stayed in the jail until approximately 10 P. M., most of the time of which he spent sleeping. At approximately 10 P. M. somebody told him that he could be released upon payment of \$20 bond. CHANEY shouted across to the other side and asked one of the white boys if they had \$20. The white boy replied that he did, and CHANEY was released. He saw nothing of him after that time and has heard nothing concerning his whereabouts. He was unable to furnish any further information on the matter.

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Date June 30, 1964

furnished the following information:

identified photographs of victims SCHWERNER, GOODMAN, and CHANEY as individuals he had seen in the Neshoba County Jail between approximately 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Victims SCHWERNER and GOODMAN were placed in the same cell and that the Negro who was arrested with them, referring to victim CHANEY, was placed in another cell which was occupied by

He recalled that, when the arresting officer brought these individuals into the jail and before GOODMAN and SCHWERNER were placed in his cell, there had been some "loud talk" apparently between the officer and victims but he was unable to hear the conversation.

██████████ when they were brought into the cellblock, he heard the arresting officer tell the jailer "Look these two up in the same cell with this Negro." ██████████ the jailer informed the arresting officer that he could not place the Negro prisoner with the white boys and placed the Negro in a cell occupied by another Negro prisoner.

At approximately 3:30 to 3:45 p.m., he recalled victim SCHWERNER asked the jailer if he, SCHWERNER, could make a telephone call to Meridian, Mississippi, explaining that his wife was located in Meridian and that she was expecting him and would be "uneasy" if he did not return to

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Meridian. [REDACTED] the jailer told him that he could not let him out of the cell to make a call but that he could place the call for him if the call could be made collect. [REDACTED] SCHWERNER declined the jailer's offer and to his knowledge never placed the call. [REDACTED] neither SCHWERNER or GOODMAN made much conversation during the afternoon but he did recall SCHWERNER and GOODMAN indicating that they were living in Meridian and working there for some place which they referred to by initials which he could not recall.

[REDACTED] around 4 00 p.m., or shortly after, SCHWERNER asked the Negro that was brought in with him, "Have they talked to you yet?" [REDACTED] the Negro answered, "No" and asked SCHWERNER, "What do you want to tell them?" SCHWERNER replied either, "Tell them we were at the church or either coming from the church."

[REDACTED] the victims, referring to GOODMAN and SCHWERNER, appeared to be calm and collected and apparently anticipated being in jail for several days. [REDACTED] they mentioned something about they guessed they would be in jail until court was held which he told them he had heard was generally on Wednesday.

[REDACTED] also recalled asking the victims, SCHWERNER and GOODMAN, what they had been arrested for and that SCHWERNER said they did not know yet but were being "held for investigation." [REDACTED] SCHWERNER said that they were arrested by Highway Patrolmen and a Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff. [REDACTED] SCHWERNER mentioned that they were driving a station wagon when arrested and that the arresting officers had brought the station wagon to the jail.

[REDACTED] he believed victim GOODMAN made some remark about their repairing a flat tire on the road at the time of their arrest but that GOODMAN was "grinning" when he made the remark [REDACTED] suspected that they must have been doing something else.

[REDACTED] victim SCHWERNER did most of the talking and was apparently the only one that had any money. [REDACTED] recalled some remark by the Negro boy who was arrested with them indicating that he only had 45 cents. [REDACTED] one time during the afternoon SCHWERNER ran out of cigarettes and had asked the jailer if he could buy some cigarettes with some money in his wallet. [REDACTED] the jailer said he could but later returned and said that the men who had arrested him apparently had taken his wallet, claiming it was not in the jail.

[REDACTED] does not believe any of the three victims had a watch, ring, or other jewelry on their persons in the cells. [REDACTED] particularly recalls that they had asked the jailer for the time on one or two occasions.

[REDACTED] none of the victims mentioned any background other than SCHWERNER making a remark to the jailer about having a New York Driver's license and that they never mentioned why they were in the Philadelphia area.

[REDACTED] recalled the following dress for the victims:

SCHWERNER

Blue dungaree shirt and faded blue dungaree trousers and possibly black buckle-type boots. [REDACTED] believed that SCHWERNER was wearing some sort of dark blue cap similar to a baseball cap, and that SCHWERNER was wearing a beard or goatee.

GOODMAN

Khaki short-sleeved shirt and black dungaree trousers and black leather slippers with a pointed toe. [REDACTED] GOODMAN was reasonably clean-shaven.

CHANEY

Black pants and black leather slippers similar to the ones worn by GOODMAN.

[REDACTED] neither SCHWERNER nor GOODMAN made any remarks indicating that they had had any trouble with the arresting officers and other than giving the impression that they would be in jail for several days, they were calm and collected.

[REDACTED] did not realize who the individuals occupying the cell with him were until he saw the newspaper accounts of the missing civil rights workers.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 17, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] City Police Officers [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] about 8:30 p.m. on June

21, 1964

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] took him to jail and he was placed in a cell with a Negro who said he was from Meridian, Mississippi. [REDACTED] is quite certain now that this individual was JAMES CHANEY, one of the missing individuals. [REDACTED] It was somewhat dark in the cell and he could not recall how CHANEY was dressed. [REDACTED] had never seen this individual before and has not observed him since.

[REDACTED] sometime around 10:00 p.m. on June 21, 1964, Deputy Sheriff PRICE came to the jail and into the cell block. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRICE then told CHANEY, "If you boys got \$20, you can get out". At this time, CHANEY asked a white prisoner if he had \$20 and the white prisoner said "yes". Deputy PRICE let CHANEY out of the cell, however, [REDACTED] could not see the two white boys who reportedly were released at the same time. 394

[REDACTED] no other officers were seen or heard at the jail at this time. [REDACTED]

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did not see the Justice of the Peace at the jail anytime  
after he was arrested.

██████████ would contact the FBI should  
he learn of any information of value in this matter.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/30/64

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JAMES CHANEY, a Negro male, MICHAEL SCHWERNER, a white male, and ANDREW GOODMAN, a white male, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, CHANEY for speeding 70 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone, SCHWERNER and GOODMAN for investigation.

[REDACTED] the three were released from the Neshoba County Jail at about 10 p.m., June 21, 1964, after CHANEY paid a cash bond of \$20 for the speeding charge. [REDACTED] understanding the three had advised they were leaving Philadelphia for Meridian, Mississippi, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] does not know the description of the vehicle the three were driving; however, it appears from the information in his possession they were driving a "wagon" bearing Hinds County, Mississippi, license. [REDACTED] three were definitely not in custody of the Sheriff's Office or the Neshoba County Jail at that time. [REDACTED] was advised concerning the missing status of CHANEY, SCHWERNER and GOODMAN and he said he had already received numerous inquiries from the press and other sources concerning the possible whereabouts of the three.

[REDACTED] the description of the car driven by JAMES CHANEY on the evening of June 21, 1964, was a 1964 Ford station wagon, blue in color, Mississippi License H-25503, which vehicle is registered to the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Hinds County, Mississippi. [REDACTED] had not seen or heard anything concerning the whereabouts of CHANEY, SCHWERNER and GOODMAN since they were released from Neshoba County Jail approximately 10 p.m., June 21, 1964.

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V. WITNESSES TO THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER  
OF THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/24/64

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The following is a signed statement which was furnished by HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE on November 20, 1964:

"Springhill, La.  
November 20, 1964

"I, Horace Doyle Barnette, do hereby make this free and voluntary statement to SA Henry Rask and SA James A. Wooten, who have identified themselves to me to be special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and SA Henry Rask have informed me that I do not have to make a statement, that any statement made by me can be used against me in a court of law and that I am entitled to consult with an attorney before making this statement and that if I can not afford an attorney and I am required to appear in court, the court will appoint one for me. That no force, threats or promises were made to induce me to make this statement.

"I presently reside at Cullen, La. I am 26 years old and was born on September 11, 1938, at Plaindealing, La.

"On June 21, 1964 about 8:00 P.M., I was having supper at [REDACTED] house, Meridian, Mississippi. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] on the telephone and told [REDACTED] that the klan had a job and wanted to know if [REDACTED] and I could go. [REDACTED] asked me if I could go and we went to [REDACTED] Meridian, Miss. We did not know what the job was. *all b7c*

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"Upon arriving at [REDACTED] we were met by [REDACTED] Jim Jordan and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told us that three civil rights workers were in jail in Philadelphia, Miss., and that these three civil rights workers were going to be released from jail and that we were going to catch them and give them a whipping. We were given brown cloth gloves [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], and Jordan got into my car and we drove to Philadelphia. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] left before we did and we were told that we would meet him there. [REDACTED]

"When we arrived in Philadelphia, about 9:30 P.M., we met [REDACTED] and wait for someone to tell us when the three civil rights workers were being released from jail.

"While we were talking, [REDACTED] stated that 'we have a place to bury them, and a man to run the dozer to cover them up.' This was the first time I realized that the three civil rights workers were to be killed.

"About 5 or 10 minutes after we parked a [REDACTED] came to the car and said that 'they are going toward Meridian on Highway 19. We proceeded out Highway 19 and caught up to a

Mississippi State Patrol Car, who pulled into a store on the left hand side of the road. We pulled along side of the Patrol car and then another car from [REDACTED] pulled in between us. I was driving a 1957 Ford, 4 door, 2 tone blue bearing Louisiana license. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then drove away and we followed.

[REDACTED] I then drove fast and caught up to the car that the three civil rights workers were in, pulled over to the side of the road and stopped. About a minute or 2 later, [REDACTED] came along and stopped on the pavement beside my car. Jordan asked him who was going to stop them and [REDACTED] said that he would and [REDACTED] we followed. The Civil Rights workers turned off Highway 19 on to a side road and drove about a couple of miles before [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] them to get out and get into his car. [REDACTED]

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"At the junction of Highway 19 and where we turned off, I had let [REDACTED] out of the car to signal the fellows in the Philadelphia car. We then turned around and proceeded back toward Philadelphia. The first car to start back was [REDACTED] and he had Jim Jordan in the front seat with him and the three civil rights worker in the back seat. I followed next and picked up [REDACTED] at the junction of Highway 19. [REDACTED] drove the 1963 Ford, belonging to the Civil Rights Workers.

"When we came to [REDACTED] car [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] pulled over to the left side of the Highway and stopped in front of [REDACTED] car. I stopped behind it. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the other men from Philadelphia got into the 1963 Ford and rode with [REDACTED] I do not know how many men were from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] then started first and I pulled in behind him and [REDACTED] driving the 1963 Ford came last.

"I followed [REDACTED] down Highway 19 and he turned left on to a gravel road. About a mile up the road he stopped and [REDACTED] and I stopped behind him, with about a car length between each car. Before I could get out of the car [REDACTED] ran past my car to [REDACTED] car, opened the left rear door, pulled Schwerner out of the car, spun him around so that Schwerner was standing on the left side of the road, with his back to the ditch and said 'Are you that nigger lover' and Schwerner said 'Sir, I know just how you feel.' [REDACTED] had a pistol in his right hand, then shot Schwerner.

[REDACTED] then went back to [REDACTED] car and got Goodman, took him to the left side of the road with Goodman facing the road, and shot Goodman.

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"When [REDACTED] shot Schwerner, [REDACTED] had his hand on Schwerner's shoulder. When [REDACTED] shot Goodman, [REDACTED] was standing within reach of him.

"Schwerner fell to the left so that he was laying along side the road. Goodman spun around and fell back toward the bank in back.

"At this time Jim Jordan said 'save one for me.' He then got out of [REDACTED] car and got Chaney out. I remember Chaney backing up, facing the road, and standing on the bank on the other side of the ditch and Jordan stood in the middle of the road and shot him. I do not remember how many times Jordan shot. Jordan then said 'You didn't leave me anything but a niggar, but at least I killed me a niggar.'

"The three civil rights workers were then put into the back of their 1963 Ford wagon. I do not know who put the bodies in the car, but I only put Chaney's foot inside the car.

[REDACTED] then got into his car and drove back toward Highway 19. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Jordan then got into the 1963 Ford and started up the road. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and another person who I do not know the name of got into my car and we followed. I do not know the roads we took, but went through the outskirts of Philadelphia and to the Dam site [REDACTED]

"When we arrived at the Dam site someone said that the [REDACTED] operator was not there and [REDACTED] and I went in my car to find him. We drove out to a paved road and about a mile down the road

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we saw a [REDACTED] parked on the left side of the road. [REDACTED] told me to stop and we backed up to this car. [REDACTED] and 2 other men were in the car. [REDACTED] said that they were already down there and [REDACTED] said to follow them. I followed the [REDACTED] back toward the Dam site, taking a different road, until the [REDACTED] stopped. [REDACTED] said 'it is just a little ways over there,' and [REDACTED] and the operator walked the rest of the way. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and I then followed [REDACTED] and the other man back [REDACTED]

"We were there about 30 minutes when the other fellows came from the dam site in the 1963 Ford. [REDACTED] got a glass gallon jug and filled it with gasoline to be used to burn the 1963 Ford car owned by the three civil rights workers. [REDACTED]

It was then about 1:00 to 1:30 in the morning.

[REDACTED], Jordan, [REDACTED] and I then got into my car and we drove back toward Philadelphia. When we got to Philadelphia a [REDACTED] stopped us and we got out. [REDACTED] who told us which way the civil rights workers were leaving town, got out of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"We talked for 2 or 3 minutes and then someone said that we better not talk about this and [REDACTED] said 'I'll kill anyone who talks, even if it was my own brother.\_

"We then got back into my car and drove back to Meridian and passed [REDACTED] car which was still parked along side the road. We did not stop and there was one or two men standing by [REDACTED] car. We then kept going to Meridian. I took [REDACTED] home, left Jordan and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] took [REDACTED] home and when home myself.

"I have read the above Statement, consisting of this an\_ 9 other pages and they are true an\_ correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have signed my initials to the bottom of the first 9 pages and initial\_ mistakes. No force\_ threats or promises were made to induce me to make this statement\_

"/s/Horace Doyle Barnette

"Witnessed:

"/s/Henry Rask, Special Agent, F. B. I. Nov\_ 20, 1964.

"/s/James A. Wooten, Sp. Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La.,  
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A 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Sedan, four door, previously owned by DOYLE BARNETTE, was viewed at the home of [REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] both noted the car was two tone blue, dark blue and light blue in color with the light blue being so light in color it could appear almost white and observed the following items concerning the car:

The car had Vehicle Identification Number D7DT172381, Body Number 58B, Color Number CF2, Trim Number AR, production code number 22B2418A, bearing 1964-65 Louisiana license number 115G350. The license plate was on the rear of the car only and the license plate holder had the name "LEON BLAKEY, ATLANTA," directly under the license. On the left lower windshield appeared a 1964 Louisiana Vehicle Inspection Sticker Number 53214A, and on the right lower windshield was a 1963 Louisiana Inspection sticker number 669042.

Both agents noted the car had twin mirrors, one mounted on the right front fender and one on the left front fender. The hood ornament was a small round chrome piece about the size of a silver dollar with the word "Ford" on the front. The window glass in the right rear window was cracked. Each car door had a chrome rain deflector at the top of the window glass.

Color photographs were made of the car by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On 11/22/64 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227

by SA's [REDACTED] and b7c  
[REDACTED] hap Date dictated 11/22/64

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Date November 23, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Louisiana, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] HORACE DOYLE  
BARNETTE traded in a 1957 Ford, two-door sedan, two tone blue in color, Identification No. D7D1172381, bearing 1964-65 Louisiana License No. 115G350, on a 1963 Ford, four-door sedan, color beige, Serial No. 3A62C140822.

The 1957 Ford was subsequently sold to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Louisiana.

On 11/20/64 at [REDACTED] Louisiana File # \_\_\_\_\_  
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mtl Date dictated 11/23/64

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Photo of 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 sedan,  
four door, Vehicle Identification Number  
D7DT172381.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/14/64

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, [REDACTED] Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents. SA [REDACTED] advised JORDAN that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to counsel before making a statement. He was further advised if he could not obtain counsel, the court would appoint counsel for him.

[REDACTED]

JORDAN stated that he knew FRANK HERNDON, WAYNE ROBERTS, [REDACTED] B. L. AKIN, EARL AKIN, [REDACTED] TOMMY HORNE, JAMES T. HARRIS, [REDACTED] OLIVER WARNER, all from Meridian, Mississippi, [REDACTED]

JORDAN also stated that he knew Deputy CECIL PRICE, Neshoba County, Philadelphia, Mississippi, [REDACTED]

JORDAN stated that the only other person he was acquainted with in Neshoba County was a man he knew as "PREACHER" KILLEN. [REDACTED]

On 10/13/64 at Gulfport, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] :bjm Date dictated 10/14/64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/29/64

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN was interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gulfport, Mississippi. JORDAN was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney of his own choosing before making any statement. No threats or promises of reward or duress were made JORDAN to get him to furnish any information.

[REDACTED] He did admit that he was a Klansman in Lauderdale County, Mississippi and associated with a number of fellow Klansmen in the Meridian area. [REDACTED]

On 10/23/64 at Gulfport, Mississippi File # JN 157-1105  
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JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] :bjm Date dictated 10/26/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/2/64

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN was interviewed

Mississippi. JORDAN was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and was advised by this agent that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to an attorney of his own choosing before furnishing any information. No threats or promises of reward or duress were made JORDAN to get him to furnish any information.

He stated that on

June 21, 1964, [REDACTED] his wife was employed [REDACTED] at the Longhorn Drive-In, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi. JORDAN stated that at about 9:00 PM on this date he went to the Longhorn Drive-In where he picked up his wife, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the three civil rights workers were released from jail and that several persons were in the vicinity of the jail when they were released. He stated that the workers in their station wagon were chased south on Highway 19 out of Philadelphia by several cars, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN stated that during the above chase, a 1958 red and white Chevrolet developed mechanical trouble and was abandoned on Highway 19. [REDACTED]

JORDAN indicated that according to the story he heard, "PREACHER" EDGAR RAY KILLEN from Philadelphia came to Meridian on June 21, 1964 and arranged for several persons to go to Philadelphia to intercept the civil rights workers. JORDAN indicated that there were four people in a car that went to DICK WARNER's grocery store in Meridian where some gloves were obtained. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN then indicated that there were four men that went from Meridian to Philadelphia for the purpose of intercepting the civil rights

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workers. [REDACTED]

JORDAN indicated [REDACTED] the civil rights workers [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were overtaken and stopped. He indicated that there were two automobiles in the chase at this time and that the three civil rights workers were taken out of the station wagon and placed into one of these automobiles. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN further indicated that the bodies of the civil rights workers were covered up by a bulldozer [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/9/64

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The following is a signed statement furnished by JAMES E. JORDAN on November 5, 1964:

"November 5, 1964  
Gulfport, Mississippi

"I, James E. Jordan, make the following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Agent [REDACTED] advised me that I did not have to make any statement, that any statement I made could be used against me in a court of law and further, that I have a right to counsel before making a statement. I have consulted counsel concerning this matter and still choose to make the following voluntary statement which is not made under any threat, duress or promise.

[REDACTED]

"At about 6:30 PM on June 21, 1964, I was at the Longhorn Drive-In, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, in the company of Pete Harris, Frank Herndon and several others. 'Preacher' Edgar Ray Killen from Philadelphia came to the Longhorn along with Jerry Sharp and a second individual believed to be Jimmy Lee Townsend. They were

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DOYLE's car had a license plate on it when parked at Akin's Trailer Courts in Meridian which was removed prior to going to Philadelphia. JORDAN advised that while parked at BURRAGE's garage just prior to returning to Philadelphia and Meridian, Mississippi, DOYLE put his car plate back on.

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there were two additional workers with him. KILLEN indicated that the civil rights workers had been in Neshoba County investigating a church burning that had occurred there.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JORDAN advised that prior to going to get WAYNE ROBERTS, KILLEN had told him that the group would meet at Akin's Mobile Homes, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi. JORDAN said that after picking up WAYNE ROBERTS, they drove to Akin's Mobile Homes

[REDACTED]

KILLEN also stated they would need gloves

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JORDAN stated that one day HERNDON pointed MICHAEL SCHWERNER out to him on Fifth Street in Meridian, Mississippi [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

JORDAN was questioned for details regarding the identity of persons at the Longhorn Drive-In on June 21, 1964 when "PREACHER" EDGAR RAY KILLEN contacted FRANK HERNDON and advised that PETE HARRIS, HERNDON, KILLEN, SHARP, and an individual believed to be JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND were the only ones present who were connected with the Klan and had anything to do with the conversation pertaining to the alleged beating arranged by "PREACHER" KILLEN.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

In addition to the conversation pertaining to Reverend KILLEN contained in the above signed statement, JORDAN stated that PETE HARRIS telephonically contacted [REDACTED] from a pay phone [REDACTED] while FRANK HERNDON telephonically contacted [REDACTED] from the phone [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

JORDAN advised that during his conversation with FRANK HERNDON and "PREACHER" KILLEN at the Longhorn Drive-In, KILLEN identified one of the civil rights workers that was being held in jail as MICHAEL SCHWERNER and indicated that  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Posey got out and talked to the officers and then got back in the car. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] We drove back to Meridian where everyone returned home.

[REDACTED]

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of this page & 15 others and declare that same is entirely true.

"/s/James E. Jordan.

"Witness:

"/s/[REDACTED] Special Agent FBI, Jackson, Miss. 11/5/64. b7c

"/s/[REDACTED] Special Agent FBI, New Orleans, La. 11/5/64." b7c

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On November 6, 1964, JORDAN was reinterviewed regarding additional details and asked questions regarding specific events as related in above signed statement. At the outset of this interview, JORDAN was again advised of his rights as set out in above signed statement.

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Snowden went down to see what it was and I asked, 'What is it?' Snowden said 'nothing. The operator [REDACTED]

"About this time we heard a noise similar to a tractor and assumed it was one of the two bulldozers which we had previously seen near the dam. The tractor ran approximately 15 minutes then stopped.

[REDACTED] asked if the station wagon was [REDACTED] Fossey replied, 'No, Herman will take it to Alabama where it will be burned.'

[REDACTED] All of the men got in Doyle's car and drove to the garage of Glen Burrage where Wayne and Sharp were standing talking.

[REDACTED] While parked at this spot, we put Doyle's license plates back on the car which had been previously removed before driving to Philadelphia.

[REDACTED] got into Doyle's car [REDACTED] and proceeded down the main street of Philadelphia where a police vehicle containing the same policeman who had previously contacted us and Price drove up behind Doyle's car blinking his lights.

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[REDACTED] The rest of us got into Barnett's car with Doyle at the wheel and followed Posey. We traveled on gravel roads to the outskirts of Philadelphia, Mississippi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Posey turned left onto a dirt road and stopped immediately at a gap in the fence which was constructed of light posts and barbed wire.

[REDACTED] Posey then said, 'Someone go and get the operator.'

"Sharp, [REDACTED] Doyle left in Doyle's car to get the operator. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Snowden and I proceeded up this dirt road and took a position near a gap in a row of trees [REDACTED]

"Everyone waited approximately 20 to 30 minutes then a whistle was heard which came from our right when facing the dam and to the north of the dam site. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] boys were loaded [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] through the tailgate of the station  
wagon which had been previously opened. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Price got into  
his car and turned around driving back toward  
Mississippi State Highway 19. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"Posey [REDACTED] got into the station wagon and  
Posey said, 'Everyone follow me [REDACTED]'

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I had a .22 caliber German  
revolver.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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"Jim Aldridge got into the station wagon [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all vehicles turned around and drove to Highway 19 and proceeded to where Posey's red and white Chevrolet was parked. [REDACTED]

"Price proceeded north on Highway 19 to a gravel road where he turned west. At this point there is a wooden frame house on the left side of this gravel road and there is a red brick house on the east side of Highway 19 where Price turned off.

"Price's car, the civil rights workers' station wagon and the 1959 Ford all turned off onto this road.

"During the 15 or 20 minute period I waited at this intersection, I heard the cars stop, the motors stop running and car doors shut. I could not hear any conversation but could make out muffled voices. I then proceeded toward the cars. Approximately 200 to 300 yards from the vehicles, a volley of shots, approximately six or seven in number, were heard [REDACTED]

"Billy Posey, who was driving the 1955 or 1956 red and white Chevrolet, pulled up alongside of this car and the group in the 1959 Ford pulled in back of Posey's car. Posey talked to the officers in the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol car and at this point, Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price drove up in his 1956 blue Chevrolet alone and parked next to Posey's car. The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol car turned around and headed back toward Philadelphia. Posey got out of his car and talked with Price and shortly thereafter Price took off down Highway 19 in a southerly direction. Posey walked over to the other car and said that Price would catch them and that the group was to follow him.

"Posey drove south on Highway 19 and the group followed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] right side of Highway 19, Billy Posey's car pulled over to the right side of the road and Posey said he was having carburetor trouble and to proceed after Price's car. Price turned west on the road to Union, Mississippi and the group followed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Price had the red light on his car on and the station wagon had stopped [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Price got out of his car and walked up to the station wagon on the driver's side and talked to the occupants of the station wagon. The group pulled up behind Price's car and parked. All three civil rights workers got out of the station wagon and got in the rear of Price's car. [REDACTED] for one of the group to drive the station wagon and to follow [REDACTED]

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square and 'Preacher' Killen got out and said that he had been by the jail and that the civil rights workers were still in jail. 'Preacher' Killen got into the car and said that he would show the group where they could go so they could park and watch for the workers when they were released from jail.

[REDACTED] 'Preacher' Killen took the group and showed them the jail [REDACTED] [REDACTED] showed them where they could park and see the civil rights workers if they left town by proceeding north. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 'Preacher' Killen said that when he got word which way the civil rights workers were going out of town, the group was to go out on the road and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol would stop them. The group dropped Killen off at the funeral home located about two blocks from the Neshoba County Courthouse and went and parked at the above-mentioned location. They did not wait long until a policeman, white male, elderly and heavy set, drove up and said that the civil rights workers were leaving on Highway 19. The group left their parking place and headed south on Highway 19 out of Philadelphia. When they were on the outskirts of town, Sharp, Billy Posey, Wayne Roberts and the young man believed to be Townsend drove up alongside the group in a 1955 or 1956 red and white Chevrolet and said to follow them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The group followed them [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] patrol car proceeded out of Philadelphia a short distance and pulled off to the left in front of a Standard Service Station where it stopped.

be obtained from Dick Warner's grocery store located on Grand Avenue, Meridian, [REDACTED] Roberts, Sharp and I went in Sharp's car to Dick Warner's store to see if he had any gloves [REDACTED]

"Upon arriving at Akin's Mobile Homes, all of the above-mentioned persons were still there. Doyle Barnett, Travis Barnett, Jim Snowden, Jim Aldridge and I got into Doyle Barnett's automobile. Prior to them getting into the car, 'Preacher' Killen said that Wayne Roberts, Sharp, Townsend and himself would go in Sharp's 1959 Chevrolet on to Philadelphia to see if everything was okay. Killen stated that Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, had arrested the three civil rights workers on a traffic charge and that they could not be held too long. Killen also stated that when the civil rights workers were released, officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol would stop them when they left Philadelphia. After they were stopped, then the group mentioned above would take over.

[REDACTED] Killen advised the second car that they should meet him on the west side of the courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

"The above group with Doyle Barnett driving proceeded to Philadelphia and parked on the west side of the Neshoba County Courthouse alongside a pickup truck, black in color, which contained E. G. 'Hop' Barnett [REDACTED] Barnett greeted this group and about this time another car came around the

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traveling in a 1959 Chevrolet, gray and white in color. Killen called Frank Herndon out to the porch of the Longhorn and talked to him for several minutes. Frank then called me over and asked me if I could make a trip. I said 'yes'. Killen then said that they had three civil rights workers in jail in Philadelphia and that they needed their 'asses tore up'. Killen said that it had to be done in a hurry since they were being held on a minor charge. He further said that they would need four or five men from Lauderdale County to go and that there would be several from Neshoba County. Herndon went to the telephone and started making several calls. Arrangements were made to meet behind B. L. Akin's trailer at Akin's Mobile Homes, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi. Sharp and I went to the home of Wayne Roberts in Mountain View Village, Meridian, to see if Roberts could go. I went to the front door of Roberts' residence and asked him if he could go on a trip. Roberts answered 'yes' and came out and got into the car. We then proceeded to Akin's Mobile Homes where we met Travis Barnett, Doyle Barnett, Jim Snowden, Jim Aldridge, B. L. Akin, 'Preacher' Killen and Pete Harris. B. L. Akin filled Doyle Barnett's car with gas. This car was a 1959 Ford bearing 1964 Louisiana license plate and was blue and white in color and believed to be a four-door model.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pete Harris is an investigator for the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gloves could

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"I have read the above Statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true.

"/s/James E. Jordan

"Witness:

"/s/[REDACTED] Special Agent FBI Jackson,  
Mississippi, 11/23/64. b7C

"/s/[REDACTED] Special Agent, F. B. I.  
Atlanta, Georgia 11/23/64" b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 25, 1964

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JAMES E. JORDAN, [REDACTED] was made aware of the identities of the Special Agents [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] advised JORDAN that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law and further that he had a right to counsel before making a statement. No threats, duress or promises were made to JORDAN to induce him to furnish any information. JORDAN stated that he had consulted counsel concerning this matter and still chose to furnish the following information: *q. b7c*

JORDAN stated that as best he could recall on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, PREACHER EDGAR RAY KILLEN, accompanied by JERRY SHARP and JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND, came to the Longhorn Drive-In in a 1959 or 1960 gray and white Chevrolet. [REDACTED]

On 11/24/64 at [REDACTED] File # JN 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] /amh Date dictated 11/25/64 *b7c b7D*

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JORDAN advised that when the Meridian group got to Philadelphia and parked beside a black pickup truck, E. G. "HOP" BARNETT was standing near this truck [REDACTED]

JORDAN identified a photograph of OTHA NEIL BURKES, Philadelphia, Mississippi, Policeman, as being identical with the officer who notified the Meridian group which way the civil rights workers were leaving the Philadelphia area. He also said that BURKES was identical with the Policeman who was with CECIL RAY PRICE, Neshoba County Deputy Sheriff, and who stopped the Meridian group in Philadelphia, Mississippi, [REDACTED] after the burial of the three murdered civil rights workers. [REDACTED]

JORDAN stated that after BURKES had notified the Meridian group the direction in which the civil rights workers were traveling, they proceeded south on Highway 19 and were passed by BILLY POSEY in an automobile believed to be a 1955 or 1956 red and white Chevrolet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pulled off of Highway 19 in front of a Standard Service Station a short distance south of Philadelphia. JORDAN stated that the Highway Patrol car pulled in next to the service station and that POSEY's car drove in beside it and that DOYLE BARNETTE parked his car directly behind POSEY's automobile. JORDAN said that POSEY got out of his car and talked with two officers in the Highway Patrol car. While POSEY was talking to these officers, Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE drove up to the service station and parked next to POSEY's car. [REDACTED]

When POSEY finished talking with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Officers, he walked over and talked with CECIL PRICE at which [REDACTED]

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time the Highway Patrol Officers made a "U" turn and drove north on Highway 19 toward Philadelphia, Mississippi. JORDAN stated that after POSEY talked to PRICE, PRICE drove south on Highway 19 followed by POSEY and the Meridian group.

JORDAN stated that POSEY's car became disabled and pulled off on the side of the road [REDACTED] and that POSEY told them to go ahead and catch up with CECIL PRICE. JORDAN stated that PRICE turned right off of Highway 19 [REDACTED]

JORDAN advised that when PRICE stopped the civil rights workers station wagon, he went up to the station wagon and got the three civil rights workers out of the station wagon and placed them into his 1956 Chevrolet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JIM ARLEDGE got into the civil rights workers station wagon and all of the vehicles turned around and proceeded back to Highway 19.

[REDACTED] DOYLE BARNETTE came back to the dam in his 1959 Ford and took he, BILLY POSEY and JIM SNOWDEN to a garage believed to be owned by OLEN BURRAGE. [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 15, 1964

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, [REDACTED] reviewed recent photographs of the following persons and readily identified them as persons involved or having knowledge of the murders of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County on June 21, 1964. b7C

B. L. AKIN

EARL B. AKIN

JIMMY ARLEDGE

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE

TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE

OLEN L. BURRAGE

JAMES T. HARRIS

FRANK J. HERNDON

TOMMY A. HORNE

PREACHER EDGAR RAY KILLEN

BILLY WAYNE POSEY

CECIL RAY PRICE

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS

JERRY SHARPE

JIMMY SNOWDEN

JIMMY TOWNSEND

OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR.

On 12/14/64 at [REDACTED] File # Jackson 44-1

by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 12/15/64  
[REDACTED] b7C

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Date December 3, 1964

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The following black and white photographs were taken using a Speedgraphic camera and Tri X Pan Kodak film. All pictures were taken with setting at 5.6 at 1/100th of a second:

1. Photograph of bridge located on Highway 492 near [REDACTED] home. *b7C*
2. Photograph of bridge and surrounding area on Highway 492 near [REDACTED] home. *b7C*
3. Photograph of Highway 492 taken in a westerly direction of a bridge and surrounding area in vicinity of [REDACTED] home. *b7C*
4. Photograph of Highway 492 and surrounding area of the first bridge east of [REDACTED] home. *b7C*
5. Photograph of bridge taken in westerly direction on Highway 492 near home of [REDACTED] *b7C*
6. Photograph of Highway 19 taken in a northerly direction showing access road to alleged murder scene.
7. Photograph of access road taken in westerly direction showing Highway 19 in foreground and road proceeding toward alleged murder scene.
8. Photograph of alleged murder scene as depicted from top of small hill looking toward Highway 19 in an easterly direction.
9. Photograph of alleged murder scene taken in a westerly direction located a short distance off of Highway 19.

On 11/20/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] *b7C*  
SA [REDACTED] /amh Date dictated 11/27/64

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10. Photograph of alleged murder scene taken in a westerly direction toward Highway 19. Photograph taken from top of hill west of murder scene.
11. Photograph of alleged murder scene taken from near top of hill in an easterly direction toward Highway 19.

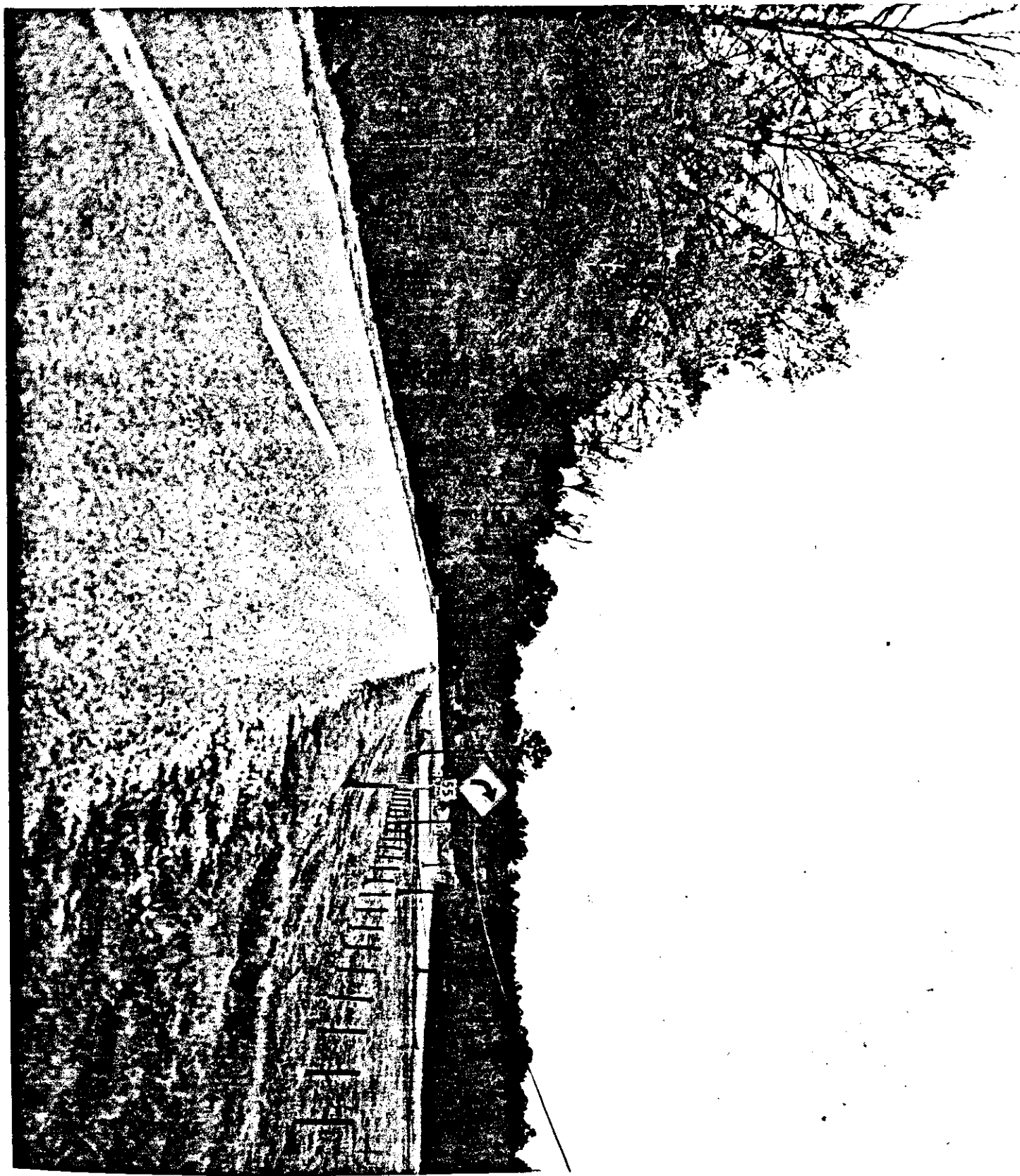
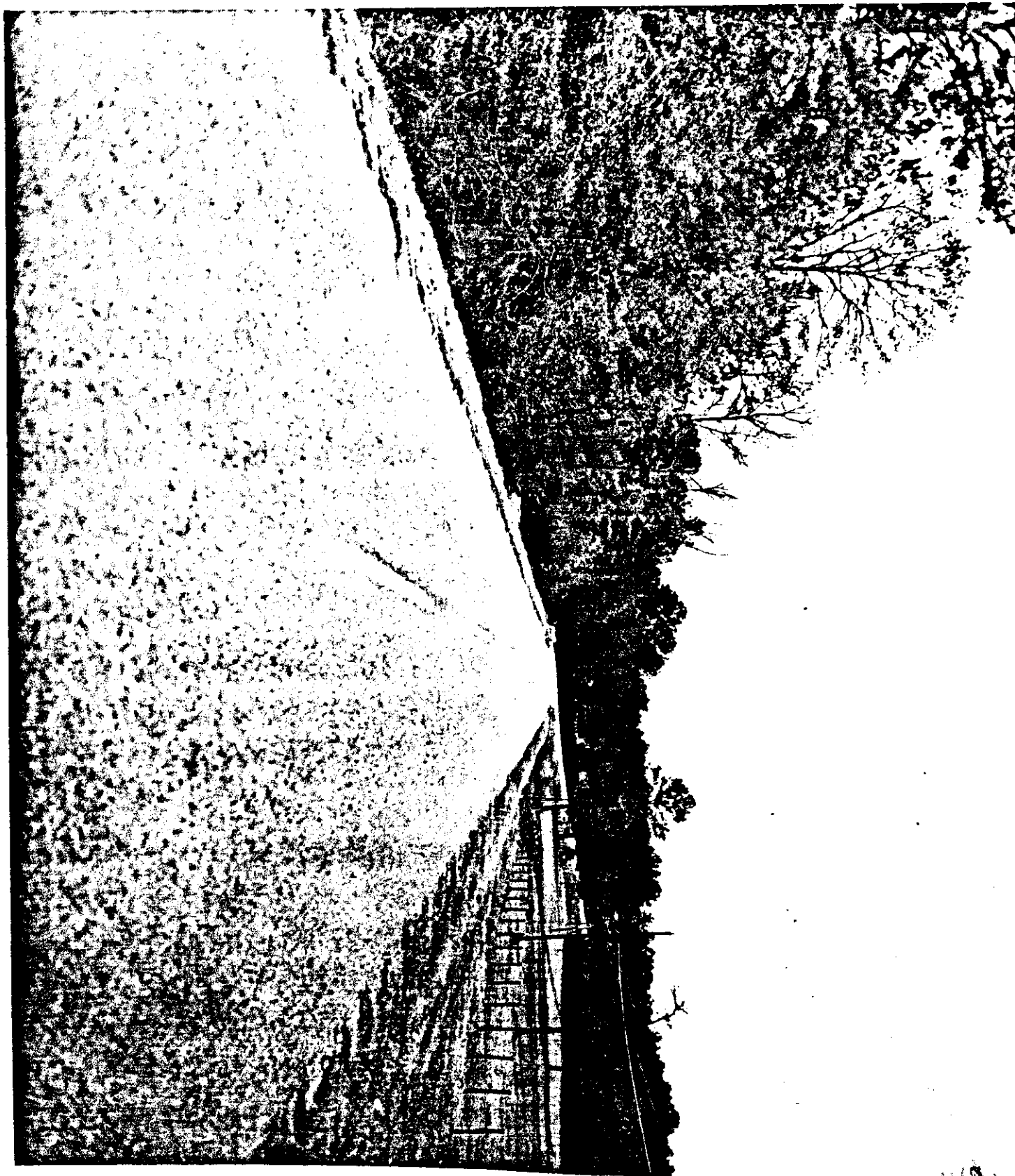


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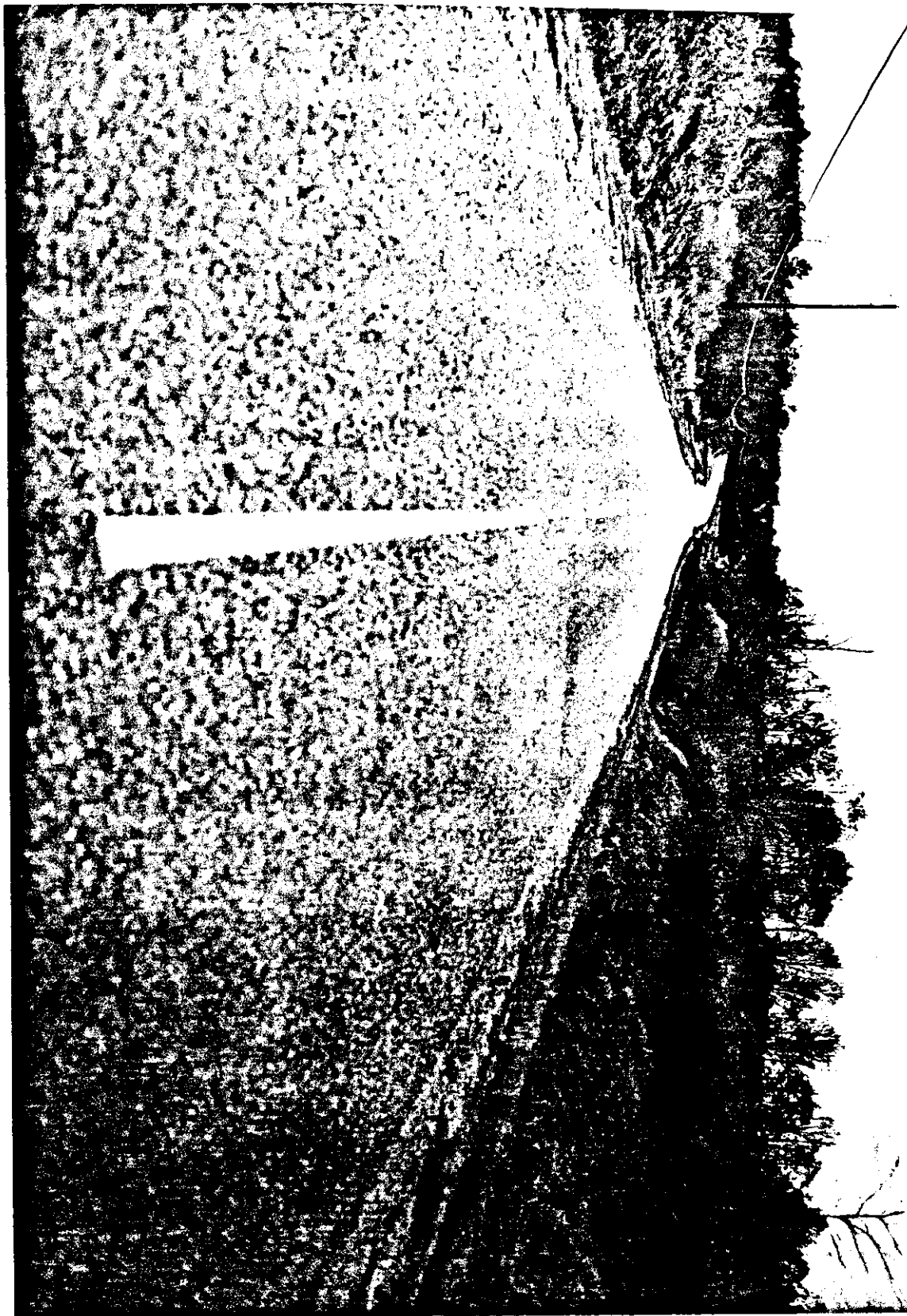


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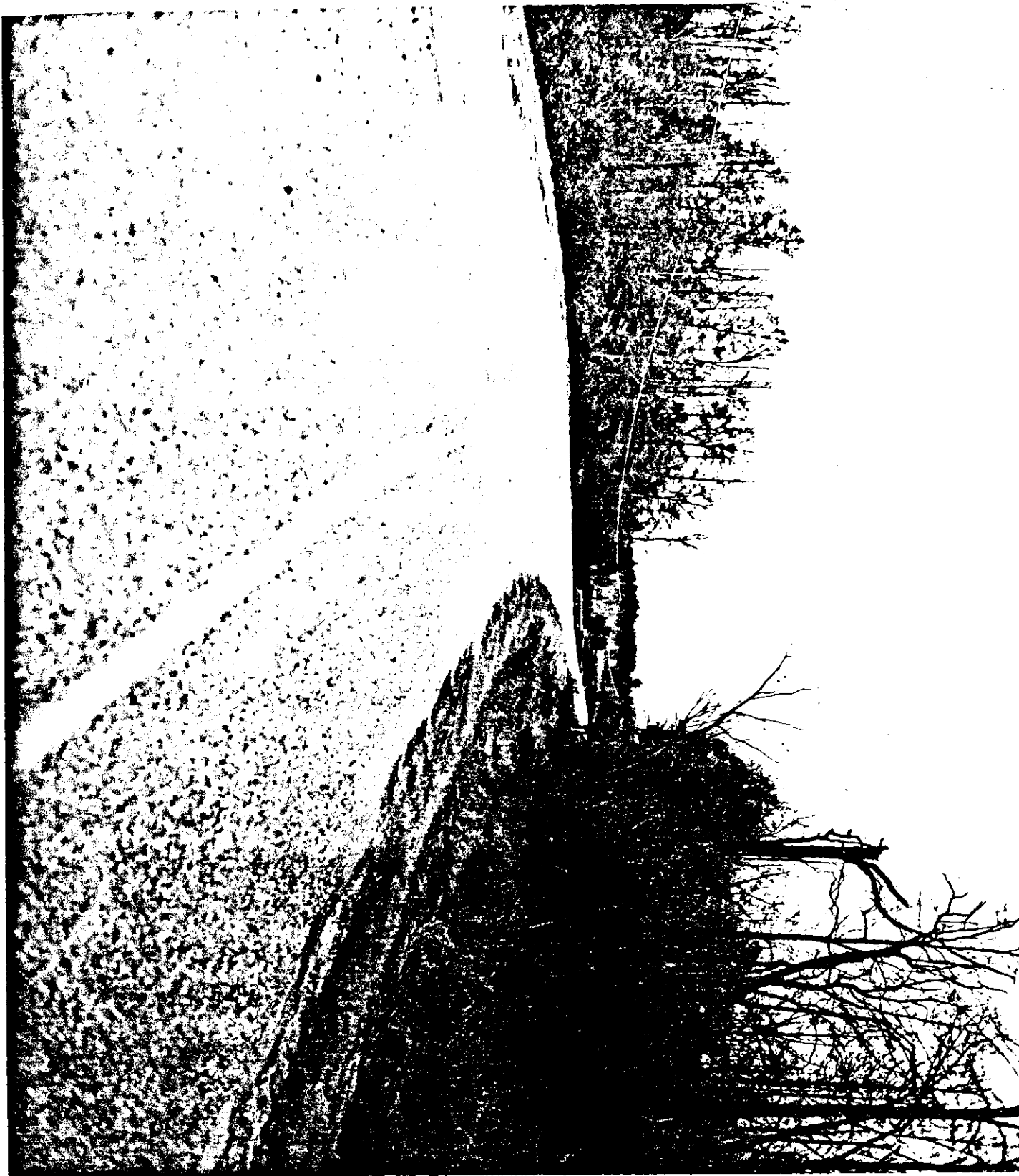


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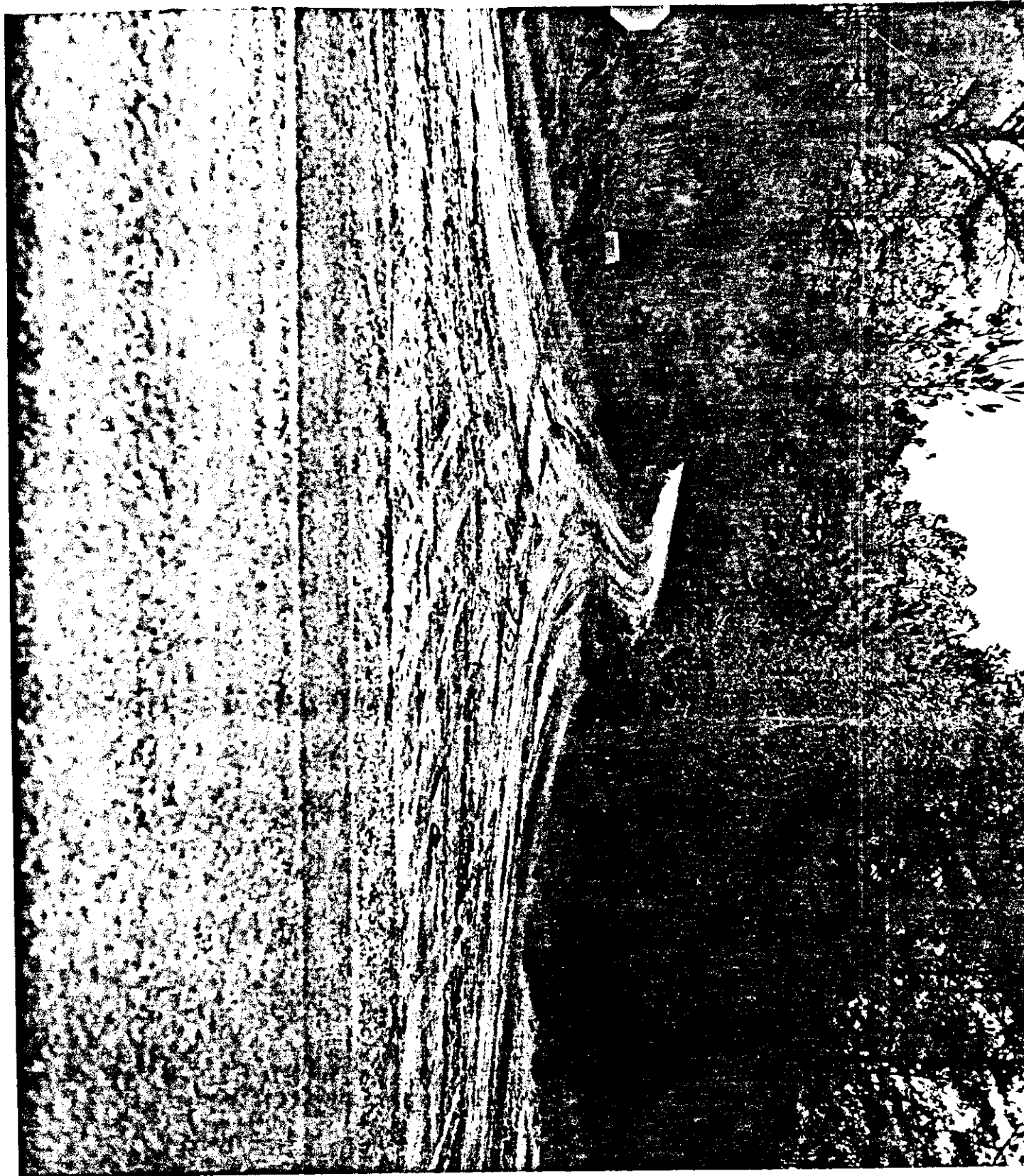


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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1964

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The area bordering both sides of the dirt road and the road itself leading west from Highway 19 south of Philadelphia, Mississippi, past the residence of [REDACTED] were examined for a distance of approximately one-quarter of a mile from Highway 19. Photographs of portions of this road were taken at this time. This dirt road is the one upon which or near which were heard gunshots fired on the night of June 21, 1964, at about the time of the disappearance of the victims.

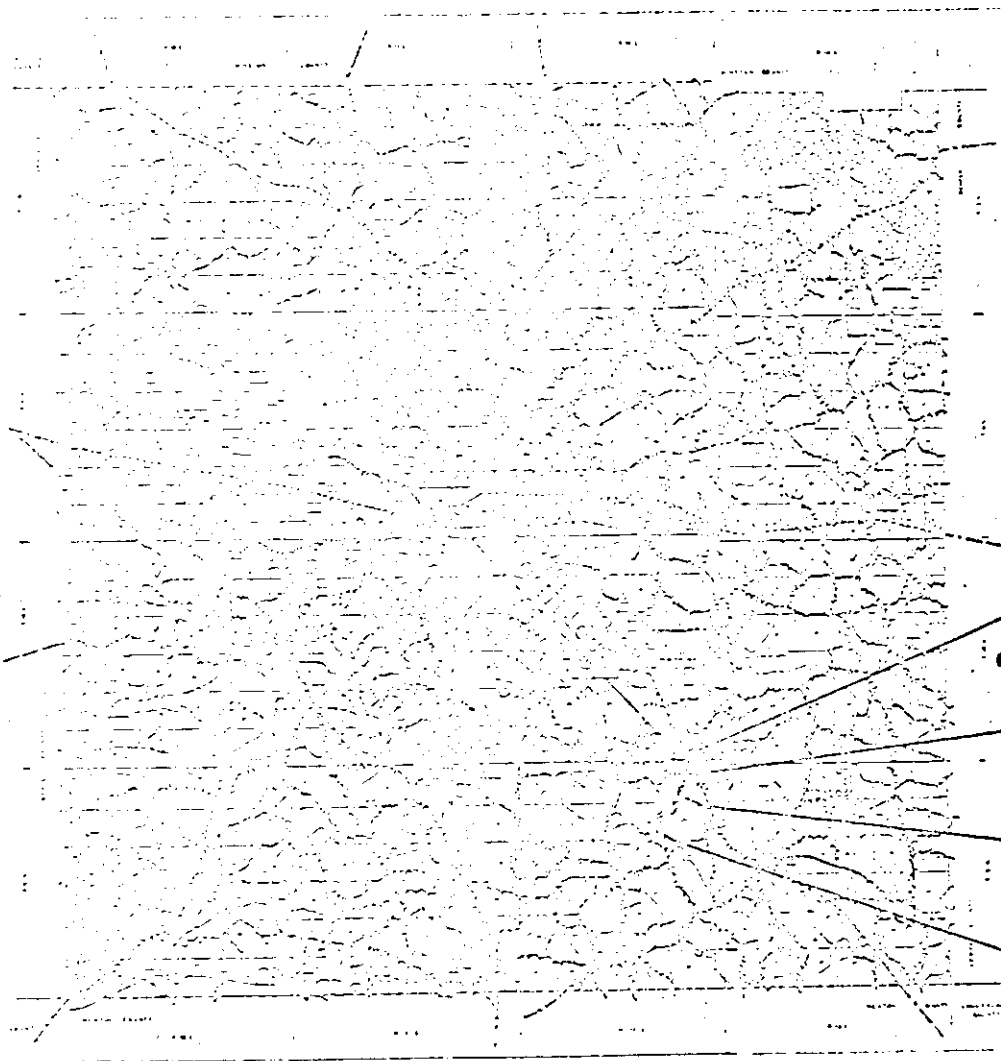
In addition, measurements were taken and photographs made to show the location of the dirt road leading past the residence of [REDACTED] in relation to the road past [REDACTED] residence.

[REDACTED] is one of the witnesses to the sounds of the gunshots. This second road is south of the road to [REDACTED] residence, the intersections of the two roads with Highway 19 being separated by approximately 150 feet. It leads away from Highway 19 toward the east.

It was noted that a car approaching Highway 19 on either of these two roads would have to come to within approximately 40 to 50 feet of the highway before an unobstructed view of the other road could be had.

As a result of the examinations and search of the above-mentioned road leading past [REDACTED] residence and the area bordering this road, nothing of significance was found or noted. Particular emphasis was placed on locating any bullets or bullet marks in trees and abandoned articles of clothing or personal property.

On 9/26/64 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # JN 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] & SA [REDACTED] mjh Date dictated 10/2/64



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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
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MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 14, 1964

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had heard a number of gunshots about 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] had seen who was doing the shooting but [REDACTED] had heard a car or truck drive away at about the same time they heard the shots.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had thought about the incident a number of times after the bodies of the victims were recovered recently and were wondering if the incident was connected.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] /ldo Date dictated 8/13/64

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had not heard the shots and had been asleep.

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[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date August 13, 1964

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] hearing  
some shots fired at approximately 11:00 p.m. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on the evening of Sunday, June  
21, 1964.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] heard a car starting up which appeared to be heading  
toward Philadelphia after hearing the shots. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] heard a number of  
shots [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] wondered whether it might be connected with the  
disappearance of the victims in this case.

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On 8/12/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # JN 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and b7C  
SA [REDACTED] mem [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/13/64

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 14, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] furnished the following  
information: [REDACTED] Mrs.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at approximately 11:15 p.m. [REDACTED] heard  
a series of quick, short bursts of gunshots [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] estimated [REDACTED] heard more than 5 shots  
and possibly as many as 10 or 12. [REDACTED] had no idea  
as to the type of weapon but the shots were quick and close  
together [REDACTED] impression that the pistol or  
weapon might have been some type of automatic.

[REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] /ldc Date dictated 8/13/64

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heard sounds of an automobile or truck starting up and from the sounds gathered that the car had entered Highway 19 from one of the dirt roads

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August 13, 1964

Date

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] heard a series of rapid gun shots. [REDACTED] the time was at about 11:00 p.m. [REDACTED] might have heard as many as 10 or 12 shots. [REDACTED] could not accurately say the exact number of shots but that there were several and that they were in two distinct and separate volleys. [REDACTED] there might have been about three shots fired in the last volley. [REDACTED] cannot state whether the shots were from a rifle or a pistol or any exact information except that the noise definitely was from gun fire.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had heard gun shots. [REDACTED] had heard nothing.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] did not hear anything except the gun shots and did not hear any automobiles. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] clearly heard the series of gun shots [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 18, 1964

late evening of June 21, 1964, heard several gun shots at about 11:00 p.m. The shots came from the general direction of a gravel road intersection on Highway 19

██████████ cannot recall the exact number of gun shots but ██████████ estimate at least 6 or 7 shots which definitely came in two groups although they were not spaced very far apart. ██████████

did not hear the shots.

is sure that the shots

On 8/12/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

SA [redacted] and [redacted]  
SA [redacted]: mem [redacted] Date dictated 8/18<sup>v</sup>/64

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were fired between 11:00 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. on the night of June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] not seen any vehicles or persons on the highway.

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information: [REDACTED] furnished the following

had not heard the shooting

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had not heard any shots fired  
on the night of June 21, 1964, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] heard some shots fired [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] duplicated the  
conditions [REDACTED] on the night of June 21, 1964,  
and six shots were thereafter fired from the gravel road  
area. It was observed that [REDACTED] absolutely  
no sound of the gun shots could be heard.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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b7D

On 9/25/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] :sab Date dictated 9/28/64

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*Nec*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

did not hear any shots on the evening of  
June 21, 1964.

[REDACTED]

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On 9/25/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # JN 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/28/64  
SA [REDACTED] sbb

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Date October 5, 1964

[REDACTED] denied  
bearing any shots fired on the night of June 21, 1964, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had no information to furnish to the FBI.

[REDACTED] accused the FBI of being a secret society and at  
this point terminated the interview and ordered the interviewing  
Agents to leave his property.

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by SA [REDACTED] mjh Date dictated 10/5/64

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Date September 29, 1964

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On the night of June 21, 1964, exact time not recalled, [REDACTED] did hear several reports [REDACTED] opinion could have either been firecrackers or gun shots. [REDACTED] cannot recall how many reports

██████████ did not see any cars  
or people,

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] :seb Date dictated 9/28/64

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Date October 5, 1964

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has  
no recollection of hearing any shots during the night on the  
night of June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] does not recall  
seeing any cars or other activity on that night which appeared  
suspicious [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] b7C [REDACTED] rjt

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JAMES EARL CHANEY;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, aka  
Mickey; ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS;  
MISPRISION OF FELONY; JUVENILE  
DELINQUENCY ACT

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Prosecutive Summary report of SA [REDACTED] at  
Jackson dated December 19, 1964. b7C

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OLEN BURRAGE'S DAM ON AUGUST 4, 1964

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PORTION OF NESHOBIA COUNTY

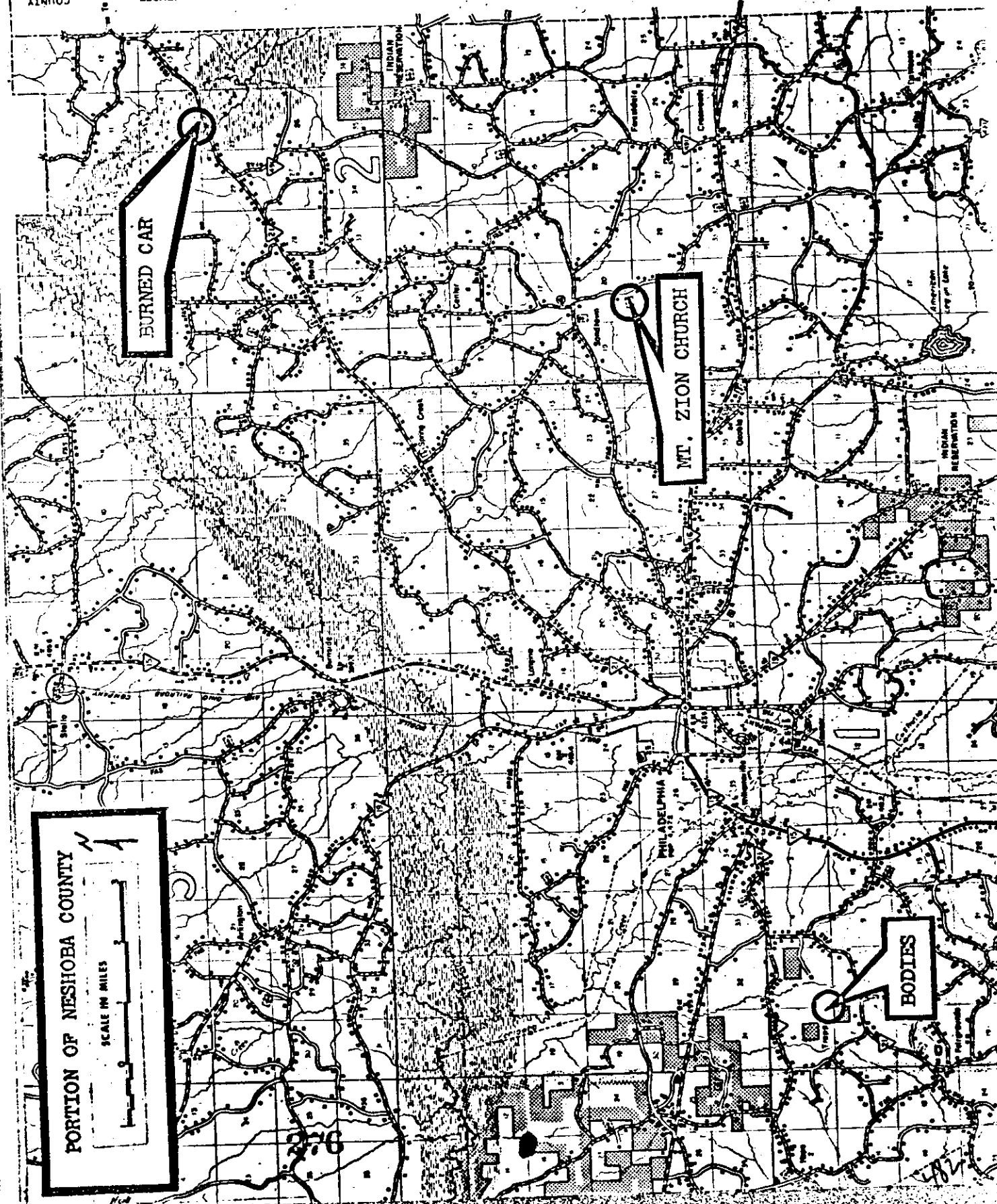
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Date August 10, 19641

On August 4, 1964, at 8:12 a.m. CST, SA [REDACTED] accompanied by SA [REDACTED] served a search warrant upon Mr. OLEN BURRAGE, Route 9, Philadelphia, Mississippi. Specifically, this search warrant was served upon him at his place of business, the "Olen Burrage Truck Company" located on Mississippi State Highway 21 approximately 1½ miles east of the Williamsville community. Mr. BURRAGE identified himself through miscellaneous personal identification cards in fraternal organizations issued in his name. He advised that he was the owner and was in control of the area known locally as the "Old Jolly Farm". *ad b7c*

A copy of the search warrant was presented to him at that time.

The search warrant so served is described as being in the U. S. District Court for the Southern Judicial District of Mississippi, Biloxi Division, Commissioner's Docket #1, Case #70, styled United States of America versus Unknown Occupants of the "Old Jolly Farm". This search warrant was dated August 3, 1964, and signed by VERTA LEE SWETMAN, U. S. Commissioner.

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by SA's [REDACTED] and *b7c* / ldo. [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/8/64 *483*

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Date 8/10/641

On the morning of August 8, 1964, at approximately 11:00 a.m. an "inventory of property seized under search warrant issued August 3, 1964, by the U. S. District Court, Southern Judicial District of Mississippi, Biloxi Division, Commissioner's Docket #1, Case #70, styled United States of America versus Unknown Occupants, Old Jolly Farm", was delivered to Mr. OLEN BURRAGE at his place of business. The place of business is described as the OLEN BURRAGE Truck Company located approximately 1½ miles west of the Williamsville community on Mississippi State Highway 21.

The inventory of items removed under this search warrant are listed as follows:

Three human bodies

Accompanying clothing

Soil samples

One expended cartridge case

This inventory signed by SA [REDACTED] in the presence of SA [REDACTED] and the signed instrument was so delivered to Mr. BURRAGE. *b7c*

At the same time, Mr. BURRAGE executed a receipt on a carbon copy of this inventory acknowledging receipt of the inventory.

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by SA' [REDACTED] and *b7c Vido* [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/8/64 484

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Date August 13, 19641

At approximately 11:59 a.m. on August 10, 1964, the search warrant previously issued by the United States Commissioner, Biloxi, Mississippi, was executed and returned to that Commissioner.

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Date August 12, 1964

The following information represents a joint investigation conducted by the following Special Agents under the supervision of SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], of the FBI Laboratory: b7c

SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED] b7cI. ENTRY OF DAM SITE

At 8:15 a.m., August 4, 1964, upon notification of service of a search warrant to property owner OLEN BURRAGE, Route 9, Box 202, Highway 21, south of Philadelphia, Mississippi, the heavy earth-moving equipment brought from Jackson, Mississippi, began moving into the dam site located on Mr. BURRAGE's property. A small dirt access road winding west from Highway 21 approximately six miles southwest of Philadelphia was utilized to move this equipment into place. It was ascertained to be the most suitable access based upon a helicopter overflight and the study of previously obtained U. S. Navy aerial photographs of Neshoba County.

The earthen dam of concern in this investigation is situated on the property known as the "Old Jolly Farm" and is under the control of OLEN BURRAGE. This property is further described as being located within Section 6 of Block R 11E as set out on the Edgar Tobin Aerial Survey Map #Q8177 of the north half of Neshoba County, Mississippi. This section is fixed by the map coordinates of 89° 11.75" to 89° 12.75" west and 32° 44.25" to 32° 45.25" north.

The heavy construction equipment to be utilized in the excavation of this earthen dam consisted of a Link-Belt Dragline.

On 8/4/64 at Old Jolly Farm, Neshoba County, Miss. File # JN 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] b7c  
SA [REDACTED] mjh [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/11/64

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Model LS68, with a 36-foot boom and a Caterpillar Bulldozer, Model D6B, with a 10-foot blade. The supervising contractor at the site representing the Hyde Construction Company of Jackson, Mississippi, was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mississippi. The dragline operator was [REDACTED] Mississippi.

The bulldozer operator was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mississippi. A second bulldozer operator was [REDACTED], Mississippi, and a

second dragline operator was also brought to the scene late on the evening of August 4, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mississippi. [REDACTED] was hired by the Hyde Construction Company for this particular operation.

[REDACTED] was likewise hired for this specific job by Hyde. all b7c

## II. DETERMINATION OF EXCAVATION POINT

Upon evaluation based on the physical characteristics of the dam, a point approximately 150 feet from the west end of the dam was selected as the initial point of digging. The bulldozer operator, [REDACTED] was then instructed at 9 a.m. to begin to "blade off" the top of the dam to increase the width to approximately 12 feet and thereby permit the dragline to be placed on top of the dam for future operations. Upon positioning of the dragline, digging was begun at the point in the dam described above. b7c

## III. OBSERVATIONS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF EXCAVATION

The dam in which the bodies of the three missing civil rights workers were believed to be buried was an earthen structure stretching from one hill to a second parallel hill in a circular manner running in a generally east-west direction. The dam had been constructed of earth removed from

the sides of these hills. It measured approximately 547 feet in length, that is, from the points of intersection of the dam and hills. At its highest point from the valley lying between the hills it measured approximately 20 feet. At this point, the widest point of the base of the dam, the base measured approximately 83 feet in width.

Prior to beginning excavation, SA [REDACTED] was assigned the responsibility of photographing the site to record the condition of the dam and surrounding areas at the time of entry into the area. b7c

SA [REDACTED] was assigned to record the various observations of the personnel engaged in the digging operation and to maintain a log of the activities of these personnel. b7c

SA [REDACTED] was assigned to the mapping and charting of the dam and surrounding areas and SA [REDACTED] was assigned to the responsibility of collecting and preserving whatever items of evidence might be uncovered during the excavation process. b7c

#### IV. OBSERVATIONS DURING EXCAVATION AT DAM SITE

The excavation at the point selected began initially with the use of the bulldozer opening a small pit to permit the dragline bucket to begin to remove earth from the dam. After approximately two hours of excavating, faint traces of the odor of decaying organic material were noticeable. At this time the dragline operator was instructed to proceed with the excavating operation exercising extreme caution. The Agents assigned to the excavation project maintained close supervision and constant surveillance of the excavation pit. The earth being moved was closely observed as it was loaded and unloaded from the dragline bucket.

At approximately 2:50 p.m. the pungent odor of decaying flesh was clearly discernible. At that time the dragline operator was instructed to cease his operation. Agents then

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entered the pit and a careful scrutiny was made of the bottom of the pit which had thus far been opened up. It was noted a number of blow-flies had accumulated in the pit. The bulldozer operator was instructed to make several light passes over the area. Following each of these passes the ground cleared was reinspected and on the third such pass it was noted that the activity of the blow-flies had measurably increased. At this time, 3 p.m., the heels and back portions of a pair of man's boots were observed. As the stench permeated the area it was also noted that approximately one-quarter mile from the excavation site numerous vultures or buzzards were observed reconnoitering.

A meticulous removal of the earth surrounding the boots revealed, at 3:18 p.m., the outline of a human body. The removal of the impacted clay-like earth was continued and approximately two hours later Body #1, that of an individual clad in trousers and boots and naked from the waist up, was uncovered.

The body was lying face down with the head pointing in an easterly direction, arms extending over its head. On the ring finger of the left hand a ring consisting of two irregular bands joined together at intervals by cross bars was observed. The appearance of this ring and the general physical description of this body were consistent with available descriptive data concerning MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER.

The hands of this body were encased in plastic bags for purposes of preservation. The boots were observed to be the pull-on type (Wellington style). The bluejeans on the body bore a "Wrangler" label above the right hip pocket. These items of clothing were likewise consistent with previously obtained descriptive data of clothing worn by SCHWERNER.

In the left hip pocket of the bluejeans was found a black leather wallet. This wallet contained among other

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items a Selective Service card bearing the following data:

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name:                     | MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER           |
| Address:                  | 34 Fifth Street, Pelham, New York |
| Date of Birth:            | November 6, 1939                  |
| Date of Registration:     | November 8, 1957                  |
| Selective Service Number: | 30-10-39-1172                     |

The body was not moved or disturbed in any way in order to preserve the scene. It was noted during the observation of Body #1 that there appeared to be a small wound under the left armpit area. This wound was suggestive of a possible bullet wound.

Exhuming operations continued and at 5:07 p.m. the body of a second individual lying in a face-down position south of and adjacent to Body #1 was located. This body, Body #2, was partially under Body #1. The head of Body #2 was likewise pointed in an easterly direction with arms generally extended over its head. The left hand of this body was clenched in a tight fist. Opening of this fist disclosed a rock-like object. Body #2 was clad in trousers and shoes and naked from the waist up.

No jewelry was noted on the hands of Body #2. These hands were likewise encased in plastic bags for preservation. In the right hip pocket of the trousers of Body #2 was a black leather wallet which contained among other items a Selective Service card bearing the following descriptive data:

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Name:                     | ANDREW GOODMAN                                |
| Address:                  | 161 West 86th Street<br>New York 24, New York |
| Date of Birth:            | November 23, 1943                             |
| Date of Registration:     | November 24, 1961                             |
| Selective Service Number: | 50-13-43-458 (possibly 488)                   |

What appeared to be a shirt was observed to be wadded beneath the hips of Body #2. Body #2 was not moved or

disturbed in any way in order to preserve the scene.

At 5:14 p.m. the remains of a third body were unearthed. Body #3 was lying on its back immediately south of and parallel to Body #2. The head was toward the west with the face turned south. The left arm and shoulder were drawn up and across the body. The right arm was lying along the side of the body. Body #3 was barefoot and clad in trousers and a "T" shirt. No jewelry was observed on the hands of Body #3. Since this body was lying on its back, no attempts were made at this time to move it to determine any contents of the trousers' hip pockets. The hands and feet of this body were encased in plastic bags for preservation.

Exhuming operations were continued in order to expose as much of the bodies as possible without disturbing them in order to facilitate the coroner's examination.

During the course of exhumation, photographs were made at various stages by SA [REDACTED] *b7C*

It is estimated that approximately 27,000 cubic feet of earth were removed in the exhumation of these three bodies.

#### V. ARRIVAL OF CORONER AND OTHER NESHOPA COUNTY OFFICIALS

Shortly after 8 p.m., FULTON JACKSON, Neshoba County Coroner, appeared at the scene accompanied by Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, and Neshoba County Attorney RAYFORD JONES. Upon completion of the coroner's examination at 8:36 p.m. these officials departed from the scene.

Subsequently the bodies were placed in large plastic body bags and sealed by Coroner JACKSON for transportation to Jackson, Mississippi, where they were to undergo autopsy examinations at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

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The hearse carrying the bodies and driven by Coroner JACKSON departed from the grave site at 11:14 p.m. Riding in the hearse with Coroner JACKSON was SA [REDACTED]. The hearse was led by a Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol vehicle driven by Officer [REDACTED] and carrying Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE and County Attorney RAYFORD JONES. The car following the hearse contained SAs [REDACTED].

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Date August 12, 19641

The following information is the result of a joint investigation conducted by the following Special Agents:

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[REDACTED]

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On August 5, 1964, the search of the earthen dam located on the Old Jolly Farm, that portion of which is now the property of OLEN BURRAGE, was continued. The soil in the area directly beneath the grave site within this dam, from which the three victims' bodies had been removed on August 4, 1964, was minutely sifted through a wire screen to a depth of approximately three feet. No significant items of an evidentiary nature were located as a result of this effort.

In addition, the area completely surrounding the grave site pit up to a radius of approximately 15 feet from the grave center and to a depth ~~extending~~ the level of the original burial pit was sifted and closely examined. Similarly no items of an evidentiary nature were located as a result of this search.

A detailed terrain search of the clearing in which the earthen dam is located was conducted without recovering any significant items of evidence.

On 8/5/64 at Old Jolly Farm  
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by SA [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> mjh : [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/11/64 <sup>497</sup>

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Date August 12, 1964

On August 5, 1964, certain pertinent measurements were recorded of the area in which the earthen dam on the "Old Jolly Farm" is located. This dam is the one in which the bodies of the victims were located on August 4, 1964. They were obtained by SAs [REDACTED]

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Overall length from end of dam construction on west to similar position on east - 547 feet

Approximate width of dam at base - 83 feet, 6 inches

Approximate width of dam at top - 11 feet

Approximate height of dam - 20 feet

Distance across entire excavation area from east to west - 58 feet, 6 inches

Distance from east edge of excavation to west edge of vertical cut - 39 feet

Distance from center of grave site pit to end of dam construction on east - 356 feet

Distance from center of grave site pit to end of dam construction on west - 191 feet

Distance from center of grave site pit to south edge of dam - 42 feet

Distance from center of grave site pit to north edge of dam - 41 feet, 6 inches

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Grave site pit located 14 feet, 11 inches below top of dam.

Length of grave site pit east to west - 7 feet, 6 inches

Width of grave site pit north to south - 6 feet, 9 inches

Distance from eastern edge of grave site pit to top eastern edge of excavation - 27 feet

Distance from western edge of grave site pit to top western edge of excavation - 38 feet

Distance from western edge of grave site pit to top vertical cut western edge - 15 feet

Distance from grave site location to north end of drainage pipe - 98 feet, 3 inches (Bearing  $44^{\circ}$  northwest)

Distance from grave site location to south end of drainage pipe - 116 feet, 10 inches

There are attached three sketches, based upon the above measurements, depicting the general area of this dam.

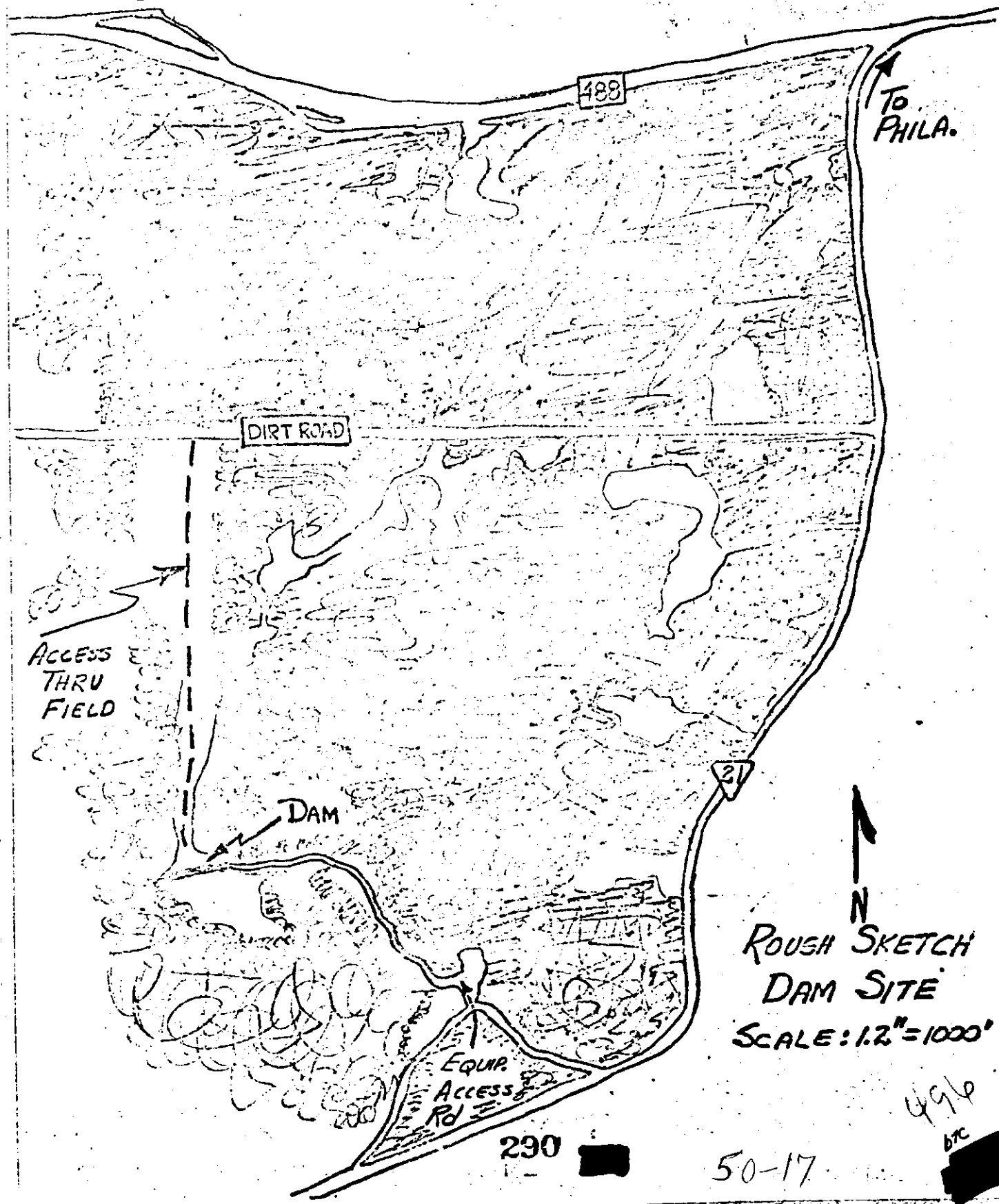
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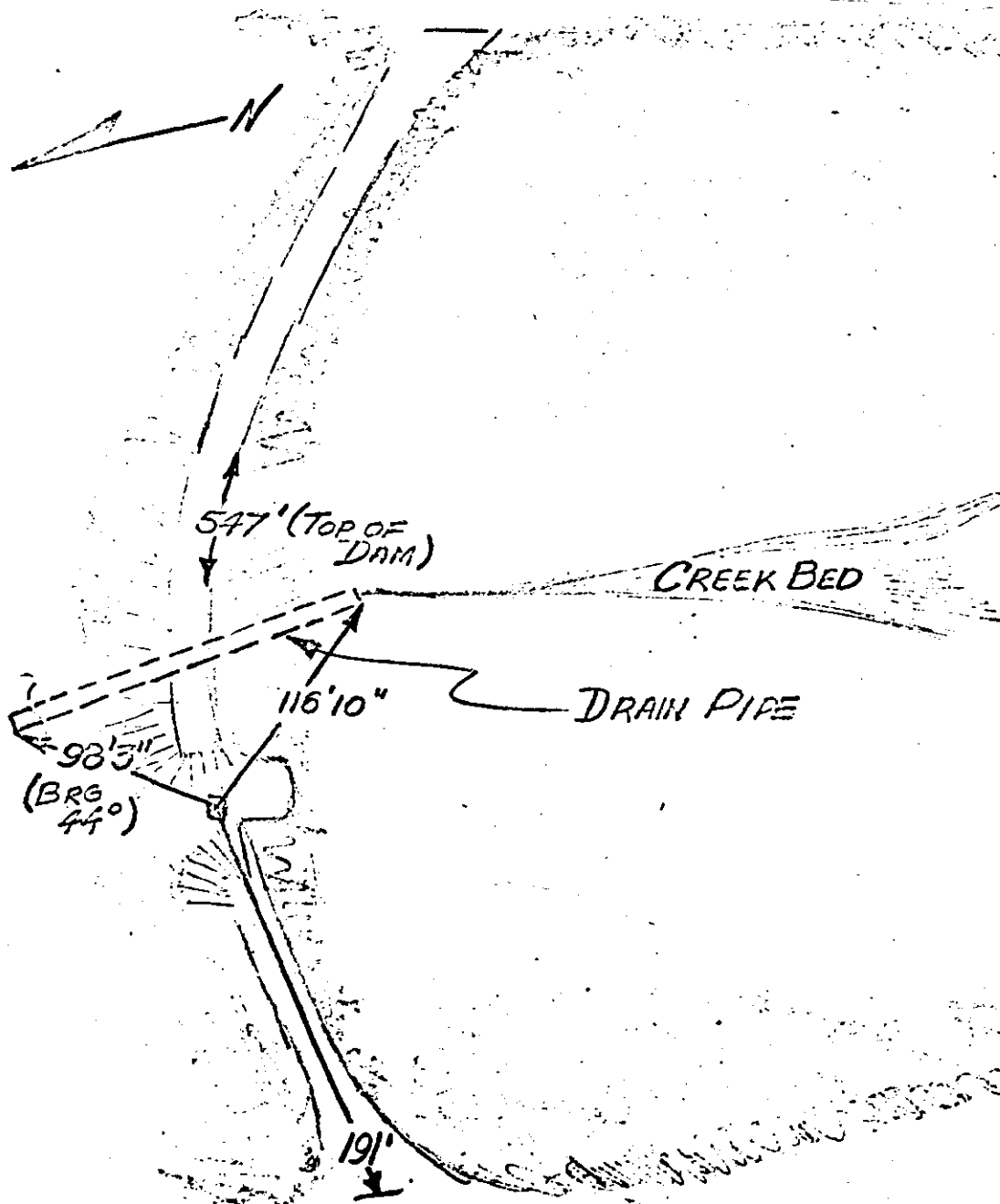
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DAM SITE  
SCALE: 1.2" = 1000'

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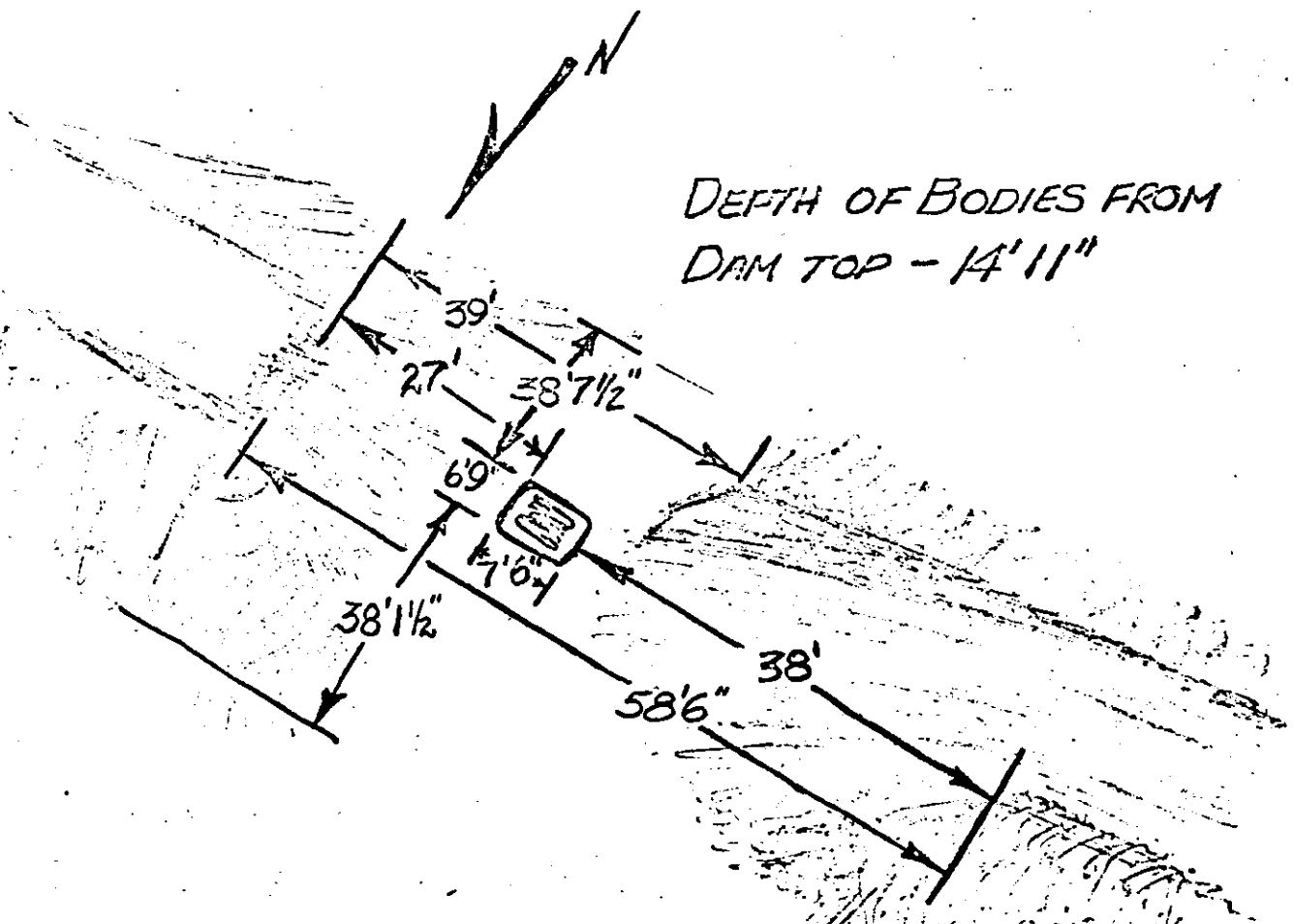
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ROUGH SKETCH OF  
OPENING IN DAM  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 14, 19641

The following photographs were taken of the dam site located on the property of OLEN BURRAGE, Neshoba County, Mississippi, also known as the Old Jolly Farm. These photographs were taken on August 4, 1964, between 8:15 A.M. and 9 A.M., at various angles, for the purpose of recording conditions of this dam prior to excavation:

- (1) Photo of dam taken from east edge of dam facing west
- (2) Photo of dam from east side showing full picture of dam
- (3) Photo of dam taken from east side showing bottom of dam
- (4) Photo of dam from east side showing top of dam
- (5) Photo of dam from west side showing front of dam
- (6) Photo of dam taken from west side facing east showing top of dam
- (7) Photo of front of dam
- (8) Photo of front of dam taken from west side
- (9) Photo of rear of dam taken from east side of dam
- (10) Photo of rear of dam taken from position north of dam
- (11) Photo of dam taken from west side showing west apron and spillway

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by SA [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> 293 /esp Date dictated 8/10/64

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(1) Photo of dam taken from east edge of dam  
facing west



(2) Photo of dam from east side showing full picture of dam



(3) Photo of dam taken from east side showing  
bottom of dam



(4) Photo of dam from east side showing top of dam

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(5) Photo of dam from west side showing front of dam



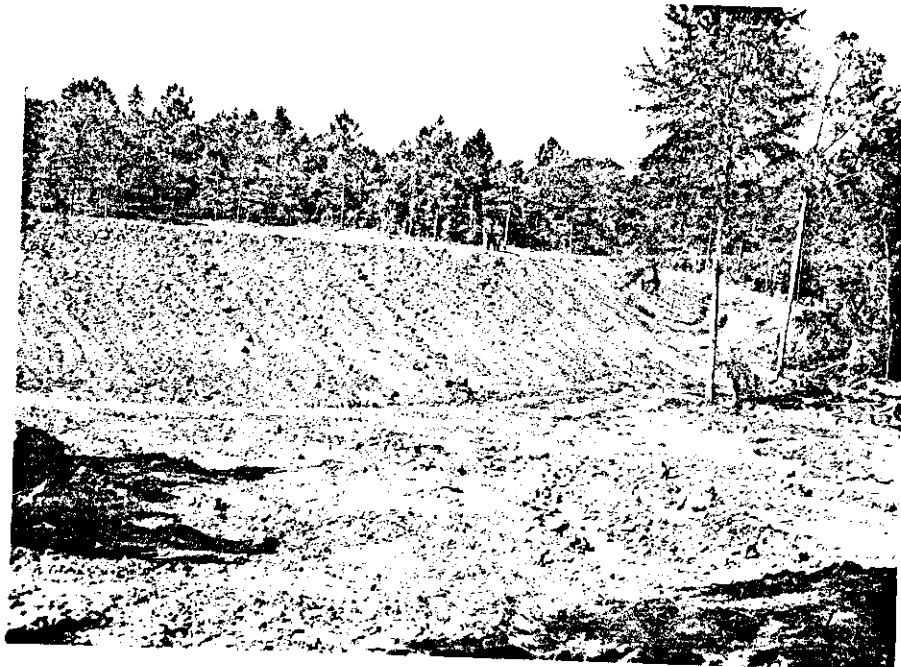
(6) Photo of dam taken from west side facing east showing top of dam



(7) Photo of front of dam



(8) Photo of front of dam taken from west side



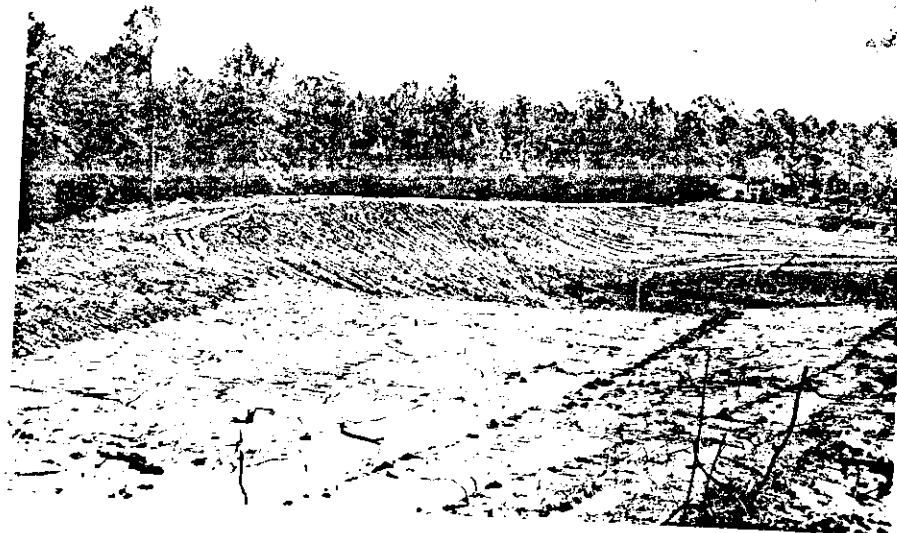
(9) Photo of rear of dam taken from east side  
of dam

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(10) Photo of rear of dam taken from position  
north of dam



(11) Photo of dam taken from west side showing west apron and spillway

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Date August 14, 19641

On August 5, 1964, SA [REDACTED] was given a 4 X 5 Tri-X film pack by SA [REDACTED]. He advised the film pack contained photographs of a dam site near Philadelphia, Mississippi. b7C

On the same date the photographs contained in this film pack were developed at Tucker Photo Shop, Meridian, Mississippi, and during the entire process of developing SA [REDACTED] was present. b7C

The finished photographs and negatives were turned over to SA [REDACTED] on August 5, 1964. b7C

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On 8/5/64 at Meridian, Miss. File # JN 44-1 511  
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approximately 260 acres and that the levee under construction since about June 1, 1964, was planned so as to flood an area of about 20 acres for a pond.

completed on July 4, 1964, the levee was about half

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3 [redacted] ldo

[redacted]

[redacted] has no clear re-  
collection of what he did on June 21, 1964. He suggested  
that his wife might be able to furnish an account of  
their activities on that date.

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[redacted] was exhibited wanted flyer dated June 29, 1964, of missing civil rights victims ANDREW GOODMAN, JAMES EARL CHANEY and MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER. [redacted] to the best of his knowledge and belief he had never observed any of these victims at any time at any place.

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Date August 7, 1964

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[redacted] was advised that he was being interviewed by SA's [redacted] who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised by SA [redacted] that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to an attorney before making a statement. No threats or promises were made [redacted] to induce him to furnish any information.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] had no personal involvement or any knowledge concerning the parties responsible for the murder of the victims.

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Date August 7, 1964

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[redacted]

[redacted] continued to state categorically his lack of involvement in the murder of the victims.

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Date August 10, 1964

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[redacted] Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, County Building, Philadelphia, Mississippi, stated he gave Mr. OLEN BURRAGE informal advice and some service in the construction of a private dam for a lake situated about six miles southwest of Philadelphia on some of BURRAGE's property. [redacted] referred to some pencil notes and advised he first visited the area of the dam on May 25, 1964, at which time no construction or land clearing had begun. On this occasion [redacted] at the request of Mr. BURRAGE set up an instrument and ran a water line on the east side of the proposed lake for 15 feet of water. Mr. HERMAN TUCKER, who later constructed the dam, carried the rod for [redacted] [redacted] was then clearing the lake area of trees and underbrush. At this time [redacted] understood Mr. BURRAGE wanted an agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, whereby the U. S. Government would share the cost of the dam in exchange for certain soil conservation practices.

[redacted] was next at the site on July 15, 1964, when he was asked by Mr. TUCKER to visit the area to give advice. On this occasion [redacted] found that the dam was almost completed and was perhaps a hundred yards further north down the creek than where it had been planned while he was previously in the area. On this visit, he found that the dam was about 12 feet high and [redacted] walked along the top of the dam and saw the drain pipe in the old creek bed which was too short and was almost even with the dam surface. At this time a Mr. PETTIS was operating a bulldozer pushing dirt up the sides of the dam.

On July 17, 1964, [redacted] again drove by the dam, looked again at the drain pipe, and then drove to the BURRAGE Garage, where he advised BURRAGE to extend the pipe several feet inside the lake. When [redacted] was at the dam on July 17, 1964, a [redacted] was there operating a bulldozer and the surface of the dam appeared very rough. all  
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On July 22, 1964, [redacted] drove by the BURRAGE Garage where [redacted] stopped him and asked him to go out and set up

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his instruments to see if the "free board" was high enough. By this he meant whether the portion of the dam other than the spillway was the prescribed height of 15 per cent of the dam. He explained that in this case the free board should be about 2 feet, which is something like 15 per cent of the total height of the dam of 17 feet. The free board is that portion of the dam that is higher than the spillway. [REDACTED] spent about 30 minutes there this time and found that the free board was not high enough. [REDACTED] was working at the site at this time. [REDACTED] also found that the 5 inch iron pipe had been extended inside the lake as he had previously advised. b7c

He said he heard nothing in conversations with the above-named persons and saw nothing in his visits to the area, which causes him to suspect those persons had knowledge there were bodies buried in the dam.



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August 8, 1964

Date

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was advised that he did not have to make a statement and any information he gave could be used against him in a court of law. Special Agent [REDACTED] advised him that he was entitled to consult an attorney before he made any statements and the identities of the interviewing Agents were made known to him.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

actual construction of the levee did not get under way until [REDACTED] either on June 18 or 19, 1964. [REDACTED] best recollection the pipe was installed under the levee and the core under the levee was put in approximately two weeks before this. [REDACTED] the core of the dam was made with the use of dynamite [REDACTED] the main portion of it extended approximately 6 feet on the west side of the drain pipe and approximately 10 feet on the east side of the drain pipe where it was 3 feet or 4 feet deep and several feet wide. It then tapered off to the ends of the dam where it was only a few inches deep. He estimated that the pipe was set about 3 feet below the regular ground level.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was difficult for him to remember how much dirt was in the center of the dam site [REDACTED] on Sunday night about 4:30 or 5:00 p.m., June 21, 1964. To his best recollection, he thought there was approximately 6 feet of dirt on the dam at that time.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The specifications for the dam indicated that it would have a water level of 15 feet and they built a 2½ to 3 foot freeboard above the anticipated water level.

[REDACTED] did not notice anything unusual on the morning of June 22, 1964, when he arrived at the dam site.

[REDACTED] emphatically denied that he had any knowledge that the bodies of the victims were buried in the dam.

[REDACTED] does not recall any person talking to him about the location of the dam or the extent of dirt on the dam prior to June 21, 1964.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date August 13, 1964

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the Agents conducting the interview. He was advised he was not required to make a statement, that any statement must be voluntary, and that any statement he provided could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by Special Agent [REDACTED] of his right to obtain an attorney before making a statement.

[REDACTED] could account for all of his time during the night the civil rights workers disappeared and  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] statements to the effect which indicated that he felt the civil rights workers may have been killed by a communist group or by Council of Federated Organizations.

He denied knowledge or participation in this matter.

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S [REDACTED] mem 325 Date dictated 8/13/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 11, 1964

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[REDACTED], advised as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] went to Philadelphia  
on June 19, 1964, and located the site [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the dam had been completed lengthwise, that is from bank to bank, and was between eight and twelve feet high at mid-point and perhaps six to eight feet broad across the top. [REDACTED] observed nothing unusual in the operation of the two tractors which were working on the dam approximately at mid-point and on the south side. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised that as he recalled, the area [REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup>  
SA [REDACTED] <sup>mjh</sup> Date dictated 8/10/64

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North of the dam was in its natural state and had not been  
worked with the tractors. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He stated he has observed pictures of a dam site in  
the local newspapers where the three missing civil rights workers  
were found and he believes this to be the dam site he visited

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He described [REDACTED] as follows:

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Hair

[REDACTED]

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Date August 11, 1964

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[REDACTED] advised as follows:

[REDACTED]  
to a dam site several miles south of Philadelphia, Mississippi,  
off Route 21 on June 19, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] this dam was about one-quarter mile west of Highway 21  
down a winding dirt road. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] return to the site on Saturday morning, June 20, 1964.

[REDACTED] on both these occasions he observed the dam to have  
been completed lengthwise and he would approximate the height  
at 8 to 10 feet at midpoint and approximately 6 feet across at  
the top. [REDACTED] on both occasions two tractors were being used  
near the middle of the dam on the south side and he noted nothing  
unusual about their operations. He said the area north of the dam  
had not been worked by any machinery and appeared to be in its  
natural state.

He described [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as follows:

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Complexion  
Scars and marks

[REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] mjh b7C [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/10/64

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Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Complexion

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had seen photographs in the local newspapers of the dam site in which the bodies of the three civil rights workers were found, and he believes the area he visited

[REDACTED] is identical to that which he saw in the paper.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

August 8, 1964

Date

W. H. PETTIS, [REDACTED] was interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and Special Agent [REDACTED] informed him that he did not have to make any statement before he consulted an attorney and information he gave could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to him.

PETTIS stated that he was engaged in the construction of a dam located on the property of OLEN BURRAGE near Philadelphia, Mississippi. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] worked on the construction of the dam on June 19 and June 20, 1964.

PETTIS stated that he had worked with TUCKER [REDACTED]

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when he finished work on Saturday night, June 20, 1964,

PETTIS advised that he did not work on Sunday. On Monday he arrived at the dam site about day break. [REDACTED]

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Date August 13, 1964

W. H. PETTIS, Philadelphia, Mississippi, was interviewed near the Cumberland Grocery Store, Highway 16, South, Philadelphia, at which time he was advised of the identities of the Agents conducting the interview. He was advised he was not required to make a statement, that any statement must be voluntary, and that any statement he provided could be used against him in a court of law. PETTIS was advised by Special Agent [REDACTED] of his right to have an attorney before making a statement.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 10, 1964

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the BURRAGE dam under construction

on July 16, 17, and 21, 1964, in leveling up the structure and again on July 30, 1964, on which date he considers he completed the dam.

On 8/7/65 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # JN 44-3

by SA [redacted] and b7C [redacted] /esp Date dictated 8/10/64

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Date August 11, 1964

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[REDACTED] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and was told by SA [REDACTED] that he might talk to an attorney or any other person he might so desire prior to making any statements and that if he was unable to obtain the services of an attorney, the appropriate U. S. District Judge would appoint an attorney to represent him. Additionally, he was informed that any statement which he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he was under no obligation to make this statement, that no threats or promises were made to him and that any statement which he might make should be freely and voluntarily made. [REDACTED] advised as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[redacted]

He specifically recalled the dam or levee being constructed during the late spring or early summer of 1964 on the property of OLEN BURRAGE known as the "Old Jolly Farm".

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[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] was unable to provide any  
information concerning the appearance of the dam or levee  
on the OLEN BURRAGE farm on the dates of June 20, 21 and  
22, 1964. [redacted] He was positive  
he did not work on June 21, 1964, on the OLEN BURRAGE property  
or anywhere else. [redacted]

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Referring to the construction of the levee on the Old Jolly Farm owned by OLEN BURRAGE, [redacted] from time to time he observed two caterpillar tractors working on that site. One was described as an old caterpillar tractor and the other was described as a new caterpillar tractor. He was unable to fix the period when these pieces of equipment together or separately had been used at the construction site.

[redacted] was under the impression that in the construction of the dike dynamite had been used to construct the core of the dike and the piece of equipment he referred to as an "earth hauler" had also been used. He could recall no hand tools in the form of shovels at the site but expressed the opinion that they undoubtedly were present at the levee construction site.

He could recall no equipment being used at the construction in that vicinity that was capable of boring holes in the ground of any diameter. [redacted]

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Date August 12, 1964

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] worked on the dam [REDACTED] on Sunday,  
June 21, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 8/12/64 at [REDACTED] File # JN 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/11/64  
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Date August 11, 1964

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[redacted] was informed by SA [redacted] of the identities of SA [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that he might consult an attorney or any other person prior to making a statement, that if he was unable to obtain the services of an attorney an appropriate Federal judge would appoint one to assist him, that he was under no obligation to make a statement and that any statement which he might make could be used against him in a court of law. In addition, he was informed that no threats or promises were made to him and that any statement which he might make should be made freely and voluntarily. Thereafter, he advised as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] on June 21, 1964, [redacted] worked until from shortly after daylight until shortly before dark at the levee on OLEN BURRAGE's property near Philadelphia, Mississippi. At that time, there were only two pieces of heavy equipment on the site. These were two caterpillar tractors. One was an old caterpillar tractor

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the other a new caterpillar tractor

He could not recall any hand tools in the form of shovels being at the construction site at the levee on the BURRAGE property but expressed an opinion that they were undoubtedly there since they would be regular equipment used. [REDACTED] had never seen any type of equipment [REDACTED] which was capable of drilling large diameter holes in the ground [REDACTED]

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Date August 12, 1964

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had no knowledge concerning the disappearance of or burial of victims at the dam site. [REDACTED] had no knowledge of any Klan-type activities in the area. [REDACTED] had no knowledge concerning any of the men who worked at the dam site [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] if any information should come his way that he thought the Federal Bureau of Investigation should know about he would immediately get in contact with the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in Meridian, Mississippi.

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained by observation and interview:

Race  
Sex  
Nationality  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Complexion  
Scar  
Education

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Date August

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██████████ had knowledge that a levee was being con-  
on BURRAGE's property by HERMAN TUCKER. ██████████

He said he went to the dam site in July 1964

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knows nothing about the disappearance of the three civil rights workers, nor does he have any information or knowledge regarding the circumstances under which they were buried at the dam site.

██████████ does not believe it was common knowledge in Neshoba County that the dam was being constructed and it only became widely known after the dam was completed in early July 1964.

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did not recall the status of the construction or the height of the levee on June 21, 1964, or June 22, 1964.

The following description was obtained by observation:

Name  
Age  
Height  
Hair  
Eyes  
Complexion  
Weight  
Build

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Date August 8, 1964

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] provided the following  
information:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on June  
19, 1964, the dam had been barely started and the highest  
places were dirt piles of 4 feet to 5 feet.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had no knowledge of the possible involvement of [REDACTED] or any other individual in connection with the deaths of MICHAEL SCHWERNER, JAMES CHANEY, and ANDREW GOODMAN.

[REDACTED]

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained through observation and interview:

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Education  
Wife  
Military Service  
  
Army Serial  
Number

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Date August 10, 1964

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could not recall any specific dates during June 1964, such as June 16 and 21, 1964, and could not recall whether there was activity [REDACTED] in the vicinity of the dam on those dates, as he recalled hearing nothing unusual on or about those dates such as additional traffic, additional persons in the area, dogs barking, or the report of gunshots. [REDACTED]

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Date August 6, 1964

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\_\_\_\_\_ does not recall his activity for Sunday, June 21, 1964;

the dam project began about four to six weeks ago. It was his recollection that they began building the dam on the west end of the property.

neither he nor [redacted] could recall any unusual activity during the night of June 21-22, 1964. [redacted]

██████ denied that he had any knowledge concerning suspects responsible for killing or burying the victims' bodies at the dam site.

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SA [redacted] and [redacted] b7c  
by [redacted] /esp [redacted] Date dictated 8/6/64 502

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Date 8/18/64

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the following additional information: [REDACTED] furnished

the bulldozer operators working on the dam site usually started work around 4:30 to 5:00 AM. [REDACTED]

██████████ was not uncommon for any one man to come to work and that this individual would operate the bulldozer during the morning hours and be relieved by someone else during the afternoon.

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the night. [REDACTED]

\_\_\_\_\_ did not see anything of an unusu

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nature in the area on or about June 21 or 22, 1964, and she did not hear any shots fired or any machinery operating in the night.

[redacted] did not recall seeing anything of an unusual nature during the building of the levee on the BURRAGE farm.

[redacted] did not hear any of the construction machinery operating in the night and she heard no shots fired in the night.

[redacted] at no time was he awakened by any shots being fired in the vicinity.

[redacted] never heard any shots fired in the night and he noted nothing of an unusual nature on or about June 21 or 22, 1964, in the area.

[redacted] neither he nor anyone in his family heard any shots fired on the night of June 21 or 22, 1964, [redacted]

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[redacted] never heard any of the machinery in operation in the night nor did they hear any pistol shots fired in the night on or about June 21, 22, 1964. [redacted]

[redacted] feels certain that she would have heard the bulldozer operating or shots fired had this occurred in that vicinity in the middle of the night.

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VII. AUTOPSIES OF CHANEY, GOODMAN AND  
SCHWERNER AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI  
MEDICAL CENTER, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 12, 1964

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The autopsies of the three bodies removed from the earthen dam on the property of OLEN BURRAGE near Philadelphia, Mississippi, by Agents of the FBI on August 4, 1964, were conducted at the University of Mississippi Medical Center at Jackson, Mississippi, on the morning of August 5, 1964, by Dr. WILLIAM PRESTON FEATHERSTON, a private practicing pathologist of Jackson, Mississippi. Present as witnesses at the autopsies were the following individuals:

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SA JAY COCHRAN, JR., FBI Laboratory  
SA [REDACTED] FBI Laboratory  
SA [REDACTED] FBI, Jackson, Mississippi  
SA [REDACTED] FBI, Charlotte, North Carolina  
SA LAWRENCE M. SHEARER, JR., FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana  
FULTON JACKSON, Neshoba County Coroner  
Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY, Neshoba County  
Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE, Neshoba County  
Dr. JOEL G. BRUNSON, Professor of Pathology,  
University of Mississippi Medical School  
Dr. [REDACTED] Assistant Professor of Pathology,  
University of Mississippi Medical School  
Dr. [REDACTED] Assistant Professor of Pathology,  
University of Mississippi Medical School  
[REDACTED] Photographer, Mississippi Highway  
Safety Patrol

I. AUTOPSY OF BODY NUMBER ONE

The autopsy of the first body commenced at 1:35 a.m., at which time the primary procedure was total body X-ray. Upon breaking the seal and opening the bag in which the remains had been placed, photographs were taken of the remains by SA [REDACTED]. Additional photographs were taken at various stages during this autopsy. b7C

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Body #1 was determined to be that of a white male clad in blue denim trousers and Wellington-style boots. A ring set consisting of two irregular bands joined together at intervals by bars was removed from the left ring finger of the body by Dr. FEATHERSTON. The appearance of this ring was consistent with the descriptive data available concerning the wedding ring belonging to MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER. This ring was placed in a container for subsequent transmittal to the FBI Laboratory for development of any inscriptions thereon. Present in the right front pocket of the trousers on this body was a cigarette lighter which was similar to the lighter described in descriptive data of the belongings of SCHWERNER. The clothing, head hair samples, and personal effects of SCHWERNER were obtained and preserved for subsequent transmittal to FBI Laboratory.

Dr. REUEL MAY, JR., D.D.S., Jackson, Mississippi, performed a dental examination of Body #1. This examination consisted of recording of the existing dentition in the skull and lower jaw of Body #1.

Upon completion of this dental examination, Dr. FEATHERSTON removed the terminal phalanges of each hand and turned them over in order to SA SHEARER for preservation and subsequent examination for any ridge detail present which might make possible fingerprint identification of Body #1 by the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division of the FBI. Because of the advanced stage of decomposition of all three bodies, it was not possible to obtain during the autopsies inked impressions of the fingers of these bodies. Upon removal of the shoes and socks of Body #1 the skin comprising the bottoms of the feet sloughed off. This skin was retained for possible identification purposes.

Dr. FEATHERSTON advised that Body #1 was that of a white male in an advanced stage of decomposition measuring 70½" in length. He stated death was not from natural causes and that death was the result of a bullet wound. A section

of tissue was removed from the left chest area and was preserved for subsequent powder residue examinations. A bullet was removed from the left lung cavity and directly placed in a suitable container for preservation after having first been marked for identification on its base by Dr. FEATHERSTON. The removal of this bullet required a median incision on the ventral surface of the body and removal of the rib cage. A detailed examination of the body and body X-rays did not reveal the presence of any other bullets. The examination of Body #1 was terminated at approximately 2:30 a.m.

## II. AUTOPSY OF BODY NUMBER TWO

During the autopsy of Body #1, Body #2 was afforded detailed X-ray examination by hospital personnel. It was likewise photographed by SA [REDACTED] prior to and during autopsy. The autopsy of Body #2 commenced at approximately 2:40 a.m. A similar procedure was then followed by Dr. REUEL MAY, JR. in making his dental examinations of Body #2 as that procedure employed by him with Body #1. Dr. MAY's examination commenced immediately following the breaking of the seal on Body Bag #2 and opening of the bag by Dr. FEATHERSTON. b7c

The terminal phalanges of each hand of Body #2 were removed and preserved as in the case of Body #1. Similarly the skin tissue from the bottoms of the feet, which had come off during removal of the shoes and socks of Body #2, was preserved for possible identification purposes.

Dr. FEATHERSTON advised that Body #2 was that of a white male in an advanced stage of decomposition and that this body measured 69½" in length. Body #2 was clothed in a pair of dark trousers, blue socks and Oxford-type shoes. A dark-colored shirt was removed from the body bag which contained Body #2. This shirt had previously been located at the grave site lying under the hips of Body #2. The clothing,

head hair samples and personal effects of Body #2 were preserved for transmittal to FBI Laboratory.

Dr. FEATHERSTON advised that death was not from natural causes and that a bullet wound was present in the right chest area of this body. A section of skin tissue was removed from this area and preserved for examination of any gun powder residue. A bullet was removed from the thoracic area near the vertebral column of Body #2. This bullet was placed directly in a container and preserved for subsequent FBI Laboratory examination after having been first marked on its base by Dr. FEATHERSTON. An examination of Body #2 and a careful review of body X-rays did not reveal the presence of any other bullets. The examination of Body #2 was terminated at approximately 3:26 a.m.

### III. AUTOPSY OF BODY NUMBER THREE

During the autopsy of Body #2, Body #3 was afforded detailed X-rays by hospital personnel. Body #3 was also photographed by SA [REDACTED] prior to and during autopsy. The autopsy of Body #3 commenced approximately 3:27 a.m. A procedure similar to that employed in the dental examinations of Bodies #1 and #2 was utilized in the examination of Body #3 by Dr. REUEL MAY, JR. Dr. MAY's examination commenced immediately following the breaking of the seal on Body Bag #3 and the opening of the bag by Dr. FEATHERSTON. *b7c*

The terminal phalanges of each hand were removed and preserved for possible fingerprint identification. In addition, the skin tissue from the bottoms of the feet of Body #3 were also preserved for possible identification purposes.

Dr. FEATHERSTON advised that Body #3 was that of a Negro male in an advanced stage of decomposition and that this body measured 69" in length. Body #3 was clad in a pair of dark green trousers, "T" shirt and undershorts. No type of footwear was present on Body #3. No items of personal identification were located in the clothing of Body #3. This clothing was removed and preserved for examination by the FBI Laboratory. Head hair samples were removed for subsequent FBI Laboratory

examination. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said that death was not from natural causes and that three bullets were present in this body. Dr. FEATHERSTON advised that death most likely occurred as a result of the bullet wound of the head. A bullet was removed from the anterior abdominal wall of Body #3. A second bullet was removed from the center of the back of Body #3 and a third bullet was removed from the brain substance in the cranium of Body #3. Each of these three bullets was placed directly in a container by Dr. FEATHERSTON after having first marked their bases for identification purposes. Skin tissue from the upper left epigastrium was removed and preserved for gun powder residue examination. Autopsy of Body #3 was terminated at approximately 4:15 a.m. b7D

#### IV. DENTAL IDENTIFICATIONS OF BODIES

Dr. MAY, after completing his dental charting of Bodies #1 and #2, compared these charts with dental records previously obtained for victims SCHWERNER and GOODMAN. These charts were made available to him by SA COCHRAN.

As a result of Dr. MAY's comparisons, he advised that in his professional opinion the existing dentition in the skull and lower jaw of Body #1 conforms to that of the dental record of victim SCHWERNER and that the existing dentition in the skull and lower jaw of Body #2 conforms to that of the dental record furnished for victim GOODMAN. Based upon these comparisons, Dr. MAY was of the professional opinion that Body #1 was that of MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER and Body #2 was that of ANDREW GOODMAN.

No facts were developed during the autopsy of Body #3 which would permit identification of this body. No dental record has been located for victim CHANEY; however, it was noted that the general physical description and the clothing on Body #3 conformed closely to the previously obtained descriptive data for victim CHANEY.

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Dr. MAY's original dental charts of Bodies #1, #2 and #3 are being retained by the FBI for possible future use as evidence in this case. At the request of Dr. FEATHERSTON copies of these charts have been provided to him for completion of his records on these autopsies.

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Date August 12, 1964

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Dr. WILLIAM PRESTON ~~FEATHERSTON~~<sup>Y</sup>, Pathologist, advised following his autopsies of the bodies removed from the earthen dam near Philadelphia, Mississippi, on August 4, 1964, that in his professional opinion death to each of the bodies was due to gunshot wound. In the case of Bodies #1 and #2, gunshot wounds to the chest were the causes of death. In the case of Body #3, which suffered three gunshot wounds, it was Dr. FEATHERSTON's professional opinion that death was due to the gunshot wound to the head of this body. Dr. FEATHERSTON could not establish the sequence of the three gunshot wounds of Body #3 and, in addition, could not establish the positions of any of the three bodies at the time of the gunshot wounds. Dr. FEATHERSTON stated that these determinations were precluded by the condition of the bodies.

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Dr. FEATHERSTON stated that under Mississippi law he is required and permitted to file only two official copies of these autopsy reports. One copy is to go to the court of jurisdiction and the second copy to the County Attorney of jurisdiction. He stated, however, that he knew of no rule or regulation which would preclude his providing the FBI with an unsigned copy of his autopsy report recognizing that should an official copy be necessary in subsequent court action, the

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Department of Justice would be able to legally obtain the official report. Dr. FEATHERSTON stated that as soon as the report was completed, he would furnish a copy to the Meridian office of the FBI.

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On August 14, 1964, an unsigned copy of the autopsy report prepared by Dr. WILLIAM P. FEATHERSTON, M.D., was received. This report covers the autopsy of each of the victims' bodies. It is set out as follows:

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On August 7, 1964, [REDACTED] for the National Council of Churches, advised SAC ROY K. MOORE, Jackson, Mississippi, that he is the attorney for Mrs. CHANEY, mother of victim JAMES EARL CHANEY. At this time he furnished SAC MOORE with a copy of a report entitled, "Post Mortem Examination Report of the Body of James Chaney." b7C, b7D

According to [REDACTED] the examination was conducted by Dr. DAVID M. SPAIN on August 7, 1964, at the University Medical School Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi, and witnessed by University of Mississippi Medical School Pathologists. b7C, b7D

[REDACTED] described Dr. SPAIN as the Chief of the Department of Pathology of the Brookdale Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, Clinical Professor of Pathology, State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, and formerly a Medical Examiner, Westchester, New York. b7C, b7D

[REDACTED] advised one copy of this report was mailed to the "District Attorney," Neshoba County, Mississippi, and that the second copy of the report was being hand-carried by him to Mrs. CHANEY at Meridian, Mississippi, on the morning of August 8, 1964. b7C, b7D

The report furnished by [REDACTED] is set out as follows: b7C, b7D

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Date August 12, 1964

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On August 5, 1964, the following items were prepared for shipment to the FBI Laboratory by SAs JAY COCHRAN, JR. and [REDACTED] b7C

Items Relating to Body Number One:

- Item 1 - First and second joints of each of fingers on this body.
- Item 2 - Skin removed from bottoms of feet.
- Item 3 - Clothing removed from body including wallet and cigarette lighter and 9 keys.
- Item 4 - Wedding ring removed from left ring finger Body Number One.
- Item 5 - Bullet removed from chest of Body Number One.
- Item 6 - Known hair samples taken from head of Body Number One.
- Item 7 - Portion of skin surrounding hole in chest of Body Number One.

Items Relating to Body Number Two:

- Item 8 - First and second joints of each of fingers of Body Number Two.
- Item 9 - Skin removed from bottoms of feet.
- Item 10- Clothing removed from body including wallet.
- Item 11- Bullet from chest area of Body Number Two.
- Item 12- Hair sample from head of Body Number Two.
- Item 13- Skin from area around hole in chest of Body Number Two.

Items Relating to Body Number Three:

- Item 14- First and second joints of each of fingers of Body Number Three.

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by SAs JAY COCHRAN, JR. b7C  
& [REDACTED] mjh 405 Date dictated 8/11/64

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(Items Relating to Body Number Three continued)

- Item 15 - Skin removed from bottoms of feet.
- Item 16 - Clothing removed from body including wallet.
- Item 17 - Skin section from area surrounding hole in chest area, Body Number Three.
- Item 18 - Bullet removed from center back of Body Number Three.
- Item 19 - Bullet removed from anterior abdominal wall.
- Item 20 - Bullet removed from head.

The packages containing these items were turned over to SA FREDERICK A. COOK for hand carrying to the FBI Laboratory at 7 a.m. on August 5, 1964.

In addition, contained in these packages were three 4 x 5 Tri-X exposed film packs, two rolls of Kodacolor-X 35 millimeter exposed film and one roll of Kodak Plus-X 35 millimeter exposed film for development by the Photographic Laboratory of the FBI in Washington, D. C.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 7, 19641

On August 5, 1964, I received from SA JAY COCHRAN, FBI Laboratory, three cardboard boxes to be delivered to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C.

I placed these three boxes in the freight bin of Delta Flight 614, Jackson, Mississippi, airport. These boxes had been given Delta tags 307-376, 307-377 and 307-378. I retained the stubs.

I personally observed the freight bin to be closed.

At the first stop, Montgomery, Alabama, August 5, 1964, I observed the packages were not removed.

At the Atlanta terminal, I personally removed the three boxes from the freight bin of Delta Flight 614 and I personally placed them in the freight bin of Delta Flight 720. I observed the freight bin to be closed before takeoff for Washington National Airport.

After arrival at Washington National Airport at approximately 3:00 p.m. on August 5, 1964, I personally removed the three boxes with the above numbered tags, matching the stubs in my possession and delivered these three boxes to GEORGE BERLEY in the FBI Laboratory. I retained the three tags from the boxes and the three stubs. The delivery was made to Mr. BERLEY at approximately 4:00 p.m., EDT, on August 5, 1964.

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by SA FREDERICK A. COOK /ldo Date dictated 8/6/64

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1Date August 13, 1964

The following items were prepared for shipment to the FBI Laboratory for examinations on August 11, 1964, by SAs JAY COCHRAN, JR., and [REDACTED] They were forwarded by Registered Air Mail Special Delivery. *b7c*

One .38 S & W cartridge case.

Two .38 Special reloaded cartridges obtained from [REDACTED] Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. *b7c*

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On 8/11/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 44-1  
by SAs JAY COCHRAN, JR. & [REDACTED] *mjh 408* Date dictated 8/11/64 *585*  
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Date 8/8/64

Mrs. FANNIE CHANEY, [REDACTED] on August 6, 1964, furnished the following articles which belonged to her son, JAMES EARL CHANEY: b7c

- (1) One Silvertone Clock Radio which she advised had been handled inside by her son, JAMES EARL CHANEY.
- (2) One Gillette razor.
- (3) Pair green cotton trousers.
- (4) Pair grey twill cotton trousers.
- (5) Pair blue trousers.
- (6) Light blue dress shirt.
- (7) Brown figured sport shirt long-sleeved.
- (8) Light blue-black checkered striped dress shirt.
- (9) White, blue flowered figured sport shirt short-sleeved.
- (10) One blue plastic belt.
- (11) Blue, dull red, brown striped figured sport shirt.
- (12) Pair blue figured shorts.
- (13) White T-shirt lettered CORE.

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(14) Pair jockey shorts.

(15) White T-shirt.

(16) Three white Cannon towels.

The above articles were submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination by the Laboratory and the Latent Fingerprint Section.

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On August 7, 1964, the following items were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination via Air Express, Protective Signature Service:

- (1) Radio belonging to victim CHANEY.
- (2) Clothing of victim CHANEY obtained from victim's mother, including victim's razor and belt.
- (3) Rock found clutched in left hand of Body #2. This body has been identified as that of victim GOODMAN.
- (4) Twenty-four soil samples obtained from crime scene.
- (5) Cigar butt found adjacent to Body #3 on south side.
- (6) One exposed Kodak Tri-X film pack containing photographs of the completed excavation of the portion of the dam containing the victims' bodies.

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Mrs. ADELE GRIFFIS, Selective Service System, Meridian, Mississippi, advised SA [REDACTED], on August 7, 1964, that she maintains a record for JAMES EARL CHANEY, Selective Service Number 22-42-43-350, which file may be made available through contact with Selective Service Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi. Mrs. GRIFFIS and [REDACTED] were fingerprinted for elimination purposes. Mrs. GRIFFIS, white female, born [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/7/641

Mrs. ADELE GRIFFIS, Selective Service System, Meridian, Mississippi, made available Selective Service Forms 1, 100 and 127 from the file of JAMES EARL CHANEY, Selective Service Number 22-42-43-350, which forms have been handled by victim CHANEY.

These three forms and two elimination fingerprint cards each for ~~Ms. GRIFFIS~~ and  are being forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Laboratory for examination. b7C

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by SA  <sup>b7C</sup>  <sub>mjh</sub>  Date dictated 8/7/64 590

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The Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division of the FBI advised on August 7, 1964, that no latent fingerprint impressions of value were found on the property of victim CHANEY previously furnished to that section and consisting of a radio, razor and a belt.

At this time the Latent Fingerprint Section advised that the fragments of skin containing ridge detail which were adhering to the rock-like object removed from the clenched fist of the left hand of Body #2 (subsequently identified as victim GOODMAN) are of no value for identification purposes.

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FBI File No. 44-25706  
Latent Case No. 51115

August 11, 1964

RE: MICHAEL SCHWERNER, FBI #562518E

Fingerprints obtained from fingers of Body #1 are identical with finger impressions of Michael Schwerner.

The fingers were returned on August 7, 1964.

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Latent Case No. 51115

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August 11, 1964

RE: BODY #2

Twelve latent fingerprints previously reported of value on items from a room formerly occupied by Andrew Goodman are identical with fingerprints from fingers #1, #2, #3, and #6 of Body #2.

The fingers were returned on August 7, 1964.

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Latent Case No. 51115

August 11, 1964

RE: BODY #3

One latent fingerprint developed on a Selective Service Form #127, bearing the typed name and signature James Earl Chaney, is identical with the right thumb impression of Body #3.

The fingers were returned on August 7, 1964.

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On August 14, 1964, SAs [redacted] and [redacted] delivered a package containing skin from the feet and fingers from the hands of the three victims to the University of Mississippi Medical School. These human remains, which were forwarded to the Jackson Office by the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division, were turned over to [redacted] and [redacted] of the Pathology Department, University of Mississippi Medical School. These doctors were advised that these remains were no longer being considered as evidence and were being returned for appropriate disposition. b7c

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Jackson

Re: MIBURN

Date:  
FBI File No.  
Lab. No.

August 12, 1964  
44-25706  
PC-81805 AR IZ HB

Specimens received 8-5-64

Body #1

- Q64 Bullet from chest (Item #5)
- Q65 Trousers containing wallet with miscellaneous papers and money, belt, coins, cigarette lighter and two ball-point pens
- Q66 Undershorts (Item #3)
- Q67 - Q68 Pair of boots (Item #3)
- Q69 - Q70 Pair of socks (Item #3)
- Q71 Key ring with keys (Item #3)
- Q72 Hair samples (Item #6)
- Q73 Skin surrounding hole in chest (Item #7)
- Q74 Wedding ring (Item #4)

Body #2

- Q75 Blue shirt
- Q76 Bullet from chest (Item #11)
- Q77 Trousers containing wallet with miscellaneous papers and money (Item #10)
- Q78 Khaki shirt (Item #10)
- Q79 Undershorts (Item #10)
- Q80 - Q81 Pair of shoes (Item #10)
- Q82 - Q83 Pair of socks (Item #10)
- Q84 Hair sample (Item #12)
- Q85 Skin surrounding hole in chest (Item #13)

Body #3

- Q86 Bullet from back (Item #18)
- Q87 Bullet from abdominal wall (Item #19)
- Q88 Bullet from head (Item #20)
- Q89 T shirt (Item #16)
- Q90 Trousers (Item #16)
- Q91 Undershorts (Item #16)
- Q92 Skin surrounding hole in chest (Item #17)
- Q93 Hair sample

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ALSO SUBMITTED: Ten fingers from Body #1 (Item #1)  
Ten fingers from Body #2 (Item #8)  
Ten fingers from Body #3 (Item #14)  
Skin from feet Body #1 (Item #2)  
Skin from feet Body #2 (Item #9)  
Skin from feet Body #3 (Item #15)  
Three film packs  
Three rolls 35 mm film

Results of examination:

Specimens Q64, Q76, Q86 and Q88 are handload or reload type lead bullets comparable in weight and physical characteristics to caliber .38 S & W bullets. However, since these bullets do not appear to be factory loads, the possibility of their having been loaded into other revolver type caliber .38 cartridges cannot be eliminated. These bullets were fired from a weapon having five lands and grooves, right twist such as the caliber .38 Smith and Wesson, Hopkins and Allen, Harrington and Richardson, Iver Johnson, Empire State Arms Company, U. S. Revolver Company, Chicago Arms Company, Merwin and Hulbert, National Arms Company revolvers and possibly some foreign weapons.

Specimen Q87 is comparable to caliber .38 S & W commercially loaded lead bullets. This bullet was fired from a weapon having seven lands and grooves, right twist such as the caliber .38 Enfield, Webley, and Webley-Fosberry English revolvers and possibly other weapons. The caliber .38 S & W cartridges will chamber in these weapons.

Specimens Q64, Q76 and Q86 were identified as having all been fired from the same weapon. It was not possible to reach a conclusion whether specimen Q88 had been fired from the same weapon as specimens Q64, Q76 and Q86 possibly due to the mutilation of comparable areas on these specimens.

All five bullets have microscopic markings remaining on their surfaces suitable for comparison with any suspect weapons recovered.

Powder residues and powder patterns in the area surrounding the hole in the skin, Q73, powder residues surrounding the hole in the left chest area, Q78, and powder residues surrounding the hole in the upper area of the T shirt, Q89, are similar to those produced by contact or near contact shots.

A slight black ring was found around a hole located in the right chest area of Q78. This area of this shirt was examined microscopically and chemically; however, no powder residues were found. This area surrounding this hole was also examined spectrographically; however, no metallic deposits were found that could be identified as bullet metal. Therefore, because of the absence of powder residue and metallic deposits, it was not possible to definitely ascertain whether or not this hole had been produced by a bullet.

All of the remaining areas surrounding the holes in Q65, Q66, Q75, Q77, Q78, Q79, Q85, Q89, Q90, Q91 and Q92 were examined; however, no powder residues were developed.

Specimen Q71 contains the following keys:

- 1 - Gas-cap key cut to the same code, bearing the same code number "L481" and the name "Meyer," as the gas-cap key found in the debris from the burned 1963 Ford station wagon
- 2 - Round headed Ford key bearing the same depth cuts as a key found in the debris from the burned 1963 Ford station wagon (This key fits and operates the rear deck lock previously submitted and obtained from this station wagon.)
- 3 - Flat key stamped "Art Steel Company N. Y. - N. Y." (This key appears to be for a metal cashbox or file box, cabinet, or desk.)
- 4 - "Yale" key cut to the same code as the small "Yale" key found in the debris from the 1963 Ford station wagon (This key has a "V" notch cut in the bow as did the key found in the station wagon.)
- 5 - Padlock type key (This is not an original key and therefore the make of lock cannot be determined.)
- 6 - House, office, or apartment door type key bearing the word "Ilco" number "1001 EN" (This key is also similar to house door, office door or apartment door lock type keys.)
- 7 - "Jeco Y6" cabinet, desk or similar type lock key (No keys similar to these three keys were found in the keys from the debris found in the 1963 Ford station wagon.)
- 8 - Ford key cut to the same code as the ignition and door locks from the 1963 Ford station wagon

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A cloth tab, sewed to the Q79 undershorts, bears the name "ANDREW GOODMAN." No other visible or invisible laundry marks or other identifying marks were found on any of the items of clothing.

The items of clothing are described as follows:

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>SIZE</u>  | <u>COLOR AND COMPOSITION</u>                        | <u>BRAND</u>     |
|-------------|--------------|---|------------------|
| Q65         | 36 X 30      | Blue cotton denim                                   | Wrangler         |
| Q66         | Large        | White cotton knit                                   | Ohrbach's        |
| Q67 - Q68   | 8D           | Black leather, engineer's type                      | None discernible |
| Q69 - Q70   | 10           | White wool  | " "              |
| Q75         | 16           | Blue cotton   | Beltex           |
| Q77         | 31½ X 30     | Black cotton twill                                  | Lee              |
| Q78         | 14½ - M      | Khaki cotton  | Big Yank         |
| Q79         | 32           | White cotton knit                                   | B. V. D.         |
| Q80 - Q81   | 9 D/B        | Black leather                                       | Bostonian        |
| Q82 - Q83   | Stretch type | Black synthetic                                     | None discernible |
| Q89         | Medium       | White cotton knit                                   | " "              |
| Q90         | 29½ X 29½    | Black cotton twill                                  | " "              |
| Q91         | 28           | Red, black, gray print on white background. Cotton. | " "              |

The Q72 and Q84 hairs were determined to be of Caucasian origin. The Q93 hairs were determined to be of Negroid origin.

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Jackson  
Re:           

Date: August 13, 1964  
FBI File No. 44-25708  
Lab. No. PC-31326 12 LV

Specimens received 8-7-64

ITEMS FROM GOODMAN'S HOME

Q84 - Q86 Three pairs of trousers  
Q87 - Q100 Four shirts  
Q101 - Q102 Two T shirts  
Q103 - Q104 Two pairs of undershorts  
Q105 - Q107 Three towels  
Q108 Ladies nightgown  
Q109 Belt  
Q110 Razor

Q111 Object found in Goodman's hand  
Q112 Cigar butt

K27 - K50 Twenty-four soil samples from crime scene

ALSO SUBMITTED: Radio  
Exposed film pack

Results of examination:

Negroid head hairs which exhibit the same microscopic characteristics as head hairs from body #3 and which could have come from body #3, were found in the pockets of Q84, Q85, Q86 and Q87 and on Q102. It is pointed out that except in unusual instances, hairs do not possess enough individual characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person. No hairs were found in the pockets of Q88, Q89 and Q100 or on Q101, Q103, Q104. Nothing of value for identification purposes was found on the razor, Q110.

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The trousers from body #3 had a 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ " waist and a 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " inseam. The sizes of Q94 through Q96 are as follows:

Q94 28 3/4" waist X 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " inseam  
Q95 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ " waist X 29" inseam  
Q96 28" waist X 28" inseam.

The Q103 boxer type undershorts and the boxer type undershorts from body #3 are both a size 32 and are alike in construction. The Q103 undershorts apparently were never worn. A price tag which reads "WALSH'S 88 2/100" is stapled to the waist of Q103. The Q104 undershorts are white cotton knit and are a size 34.

The T shirt on body #3 was too mutilated for accurate measurement; therefore, no size comparisons with Q101 and Q102 could be made.

Wear characteristics of the Q100 belt indicate a waist measurement of approximately 31". However, there was no belt on body #3 for comparison. There was no shirt on body #3 for comparison with the Q97 through Q100 shirts.

Nothing of apparent significance was noted about specimens Q103 through Q105 and Q112.

The Q111 object, thought to be a rock, is a lump of red-streaked gray clay coated with reddish-yellow sandy soil. This material is similar to the K27 clay and soil taken from near the left hand of body #2. The Q111 clay and soil could have come from the area represented by K27.

Specimens K36, K40 and K42 from 100 feet east, 100 yards east and 150 feet east of the pit on top of the dike have some characteristics similar to Q111 and cannot be entirely eliminated as possible sources. However, K27 is considered the most likely source for Q111.

No indication was found that the clay and soil of Q111 was acquired outside of the grave and dike area.

Specimens E28 through E35, E37 through E39, E41, E43 and E44 are clay soils of a type generally similar to E47 but are specifically different and are not the source or sources of Q111.

Specimens E45 through E50 are different from Q111 and the grave and dike soils and, therefore, could not be associated with any of these specimens.

VIII. DESTRUCTION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS  
WORKERS' 1963 FORD STATION WAGON

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date July 2, 1964

At approximately 1:32 p.m. on June 23, 1964, a 1963 Ford station wagon, bearing 1964 Mississippi license number H25503, located approximately 112 feet east of east end of concrete bridge over Bogue Chitto Creek. Car rear approximately 48 feet from north edge of Highway #21, headed north, in burned condition. No individuals in area or vehicles on highway.

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by SA [REDACTED] mem b7C Date dictated 6/30/64

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on July  
17, 1964, at Neshoba County, Mississippi. The distance  
from Highway 491 to the point of recovery of the missing  
COFO workers' Ford station wagon is 1.1 miles. b7C

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/26/64

On June 23, 1964, [REDACTED] Tag Division, Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, State Office Building, Jackson, Mississippi, advised a review of her records reveal that application was filed and 1964 Mississippi Tag Number H25503 was issued to Congress of Racial Equality, 1129 Maple Street, Apartment 8D, Jackson, Mississippi, for a 1963 Ford, four-door Ranch Station Wagon, Vehicle Identification Number 3F38L106548. She further advised that a 1963 Mississippi Tag Number HD9225 was issued for same vehicle, above description, showing this vehicle was purchased September, 1963, from Castle Car Company, Herkimer, New York. She could provide no further information regarding 1964 Mississippi Tag Number H 25503. *b7C*

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/8/641

Attached is a sketch prepared by SA JAY COCHRAN, JR., on July 8, 1964.

This sketch, based upon the 1964 official road map, State of Mississippi, prepared by the Mississippi State Highway Commission, includes the main roads pertinent to this case in the counties of Neshoba, Kemper, Lauderdale and Newton. It also shows the geographical relationship of the cities of Jackson and Vicksburg, Mississippi, the Alabama and Louisiana state lines and certain pertinent mileages within this area.

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# — SHORTEST ROUTES —

BARNETT FARM TO CAR — 8 mi.  
 BARNETT FARM TO CHURCH — 16 mi.  
 RAINEY FARM TO CHURCH — 7 mi.  
 RAINEY FARM TO CAR — 15 mi.

MISS. RIVER

VICKSBURG

LOUISIANA

JACKSON

ALABAMA

KEMPER COUNTY

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

NEWTON COUNTY

NESHOBA COUNTY

DECATUR

PHILADELPHIA

PRESTON

Mt. Zion Church

DE KALB

CAR BURNING

## — LEGEND — (APPROXIMATE DISTANCES)

Phila. to Church — 11 miles  
 Phila. to Car — 13 miles  
 Phila. to BARNETT FARM (⊙) — 5 miles  
 Phila. to RAINEY FARM (⊠) — 12 miles  
 Meridian to Phila. — 37 miles  
 Meridian to JACKSON — 92 miles  
 Meridian to ALABAMA — 18 miles  
 Meridian to Vicksburg (Louisiana line) — 134 miles

— [491] — UNPAVED (DIRT) STATE ROUTE

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 26, 1964

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A 1963 Ford Fairlane Ranch Wagon, medium blue, Vehicle Identification Number 3F38L106548, bearing 1964 Mississippi License H25503, was observed parked off Highway 21 in a wooded area approximately 15 miles northeast of Philadelphia, Mississippi, about 50 yards northeast of a bridge over Bogue Chitto Creek.

The station wagon was in a burned condition, the entire interior being burned to the metal, and the debris fallen to the floor of the vehicle. All tires and wheels, except left front, were burned and charred.

A metal name plate of dealer type reading "Castle Herkimer, NY" was observed on the tail gate door of the station wagon. A metal rack was attached to the top of the station wagon.

Paint on the exterior was scorched and burned off with the exception of portions of the hood, the left front fender, and left front door.

The paint on the body around the left front door was charred. The paint on the door around the hinges was charred; however, the paint on the remainder of the door, particularly around the handle and below the handle, had little fire damage.

The vehicle identification plate was attached to the left front door in the area below the latch and no appreciable fire damage was noted.

The ignition wires, distributor, water hoses, and battery appeared to have been damaged by the fire. The springs on the hood near the hinges were damaged. All windows were cracked or destroyed.

Door handles on left rear and both right doors were damaged as were braces which held the luggage rack on top of the vehicle.

No hub caps were located. The radio antenna, with fire damage at the base, was located approximately ten feet from its

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mounting place on the left front fender. A pair of pliers and a jack handle-lug wrench-type tool were observed in the luggage well. Usual other tools such as a jack and chains were not observed in the vehicle. Debris and ashes, particularly on the right side on the floor, were wet.

Ashes and debris around back wheels, spare and right front wheel indicated tires were burned while mounted on wheels.

The lock on the rear or tailgate door of the vehicle was open. No key was located.

With the assistance of SA [REDACTED] and Mississippi Highway Patrol [REDACTED] samples of ashes and debris were removed from the floor of the vehicle and placed in boxes. b7c

The undamaged area of the exterior of the vehicle was dusted for latent fingerprints and none were developed.

Damage to underbrush and trees around the vehicle appeared to be greater to the right side and rear of the vehicle than to the left and front of the vehicle.

The entrance to the wooded area where the vehicle was located was observed. No tire tread marks were visible. The ground was soft and moist to a degree that footprints could be made in the ground.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 26, 1964

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Photographs of the 1963 Ford Fairlane Ranch Wagon found abandoned near the Bogue Chitto Creek, on Route 21, approximately 12 miles northeast of Philadelphia, Mississippi, were taken with a 4 x 5 Speed Graphic camera. Natural light was used to illuminate the vehicle. Kodak Tri-X film was used and a shutter speed of 1/100 of a second was used for all exposures.

The table below gives the description of each exposure.

| <u>Film Pack</u> | <u>Exposure Number</u> | <u>f-stop Setting</u> | <u>Description</u>                                   |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1                | 1                      | 32                    | Rear of the car from a distance of 15 feet           |
| "                | 2                      | 22                    | Same as exposure #1                                  |
| "                | 3                      | 32                    | Rear of the car from a distance of 25 feet           |
| "                | 4                      | 32                    | Rear of the car from a distance of 50 feet           |
| "                | 5                      | 22                    | Rear of the car from a distance of 6 feet            |
| "                | 6                      | 32                    | Front of the car from a distance of 20 feet          |
| "                | 7                      | 22                    | Same as exposure #6                                  |
| "                | 8                      | 22                    | Front of the car from a distance of 8 feet           |
| "                | 9                      | 8                     | Left front side of the car from a distance of 4 feet |

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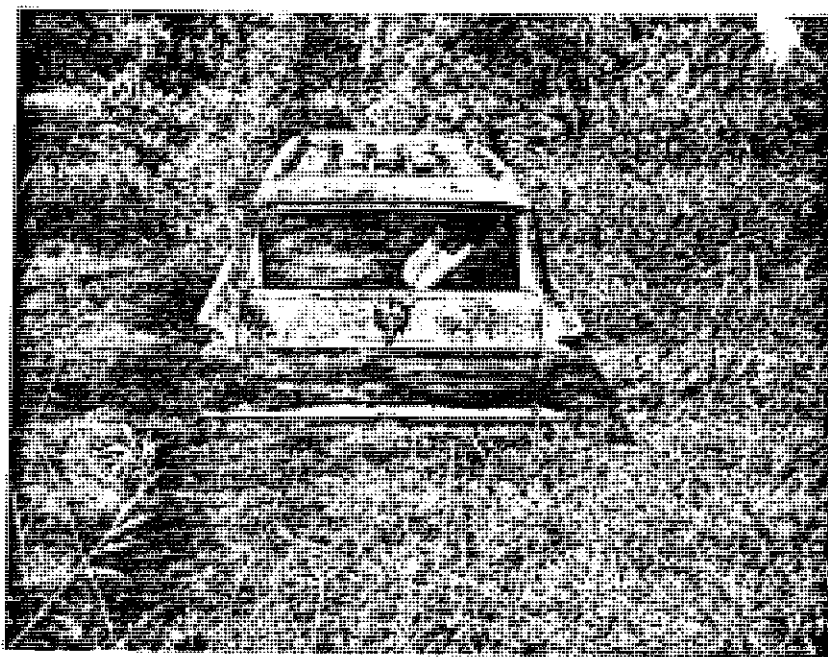
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|---|----|-----|---|
| " | 10 | 8   | Left front side of the car from a distance of 5 feet.                               |
| " | 11 | 8   | View through windshield of the car from a distance of 6 feet                        |
| " | 12 | 5.6 | Hood of the car from a distance of 5 feet   |
| 2 | 1  | 32  | View of the car from the north edge of highway 21                                   |
| " | 2  | 22  | View of the car from the north edge of highway 21                                   |
| " | 3  | 32  | Area of the car from the south edge of highway 21                                   |
| " | 4  | 11  | Footprint found 35 feet from the rear of the car on the driveway leading to the car |
| " | 5  | 11  | Second footprint found 37 feet from the car on the driveway leading to the car      |
| " | 6  | 11  | Third footprint found 37 feet from the car and 1½ feet west of the second footprint |
| " | 7  | --  | Exposure discarded  |

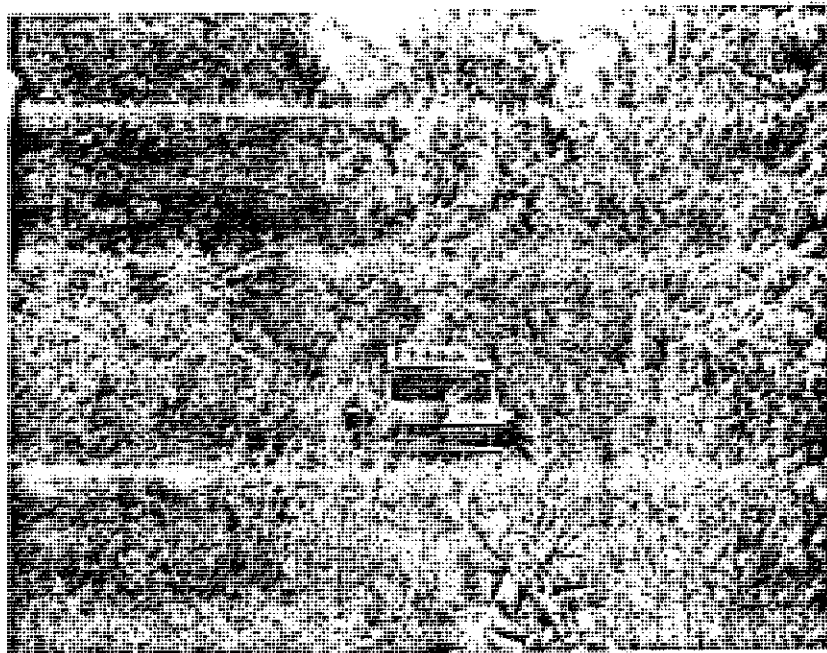
The photographs were taken by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] assisted. b7C

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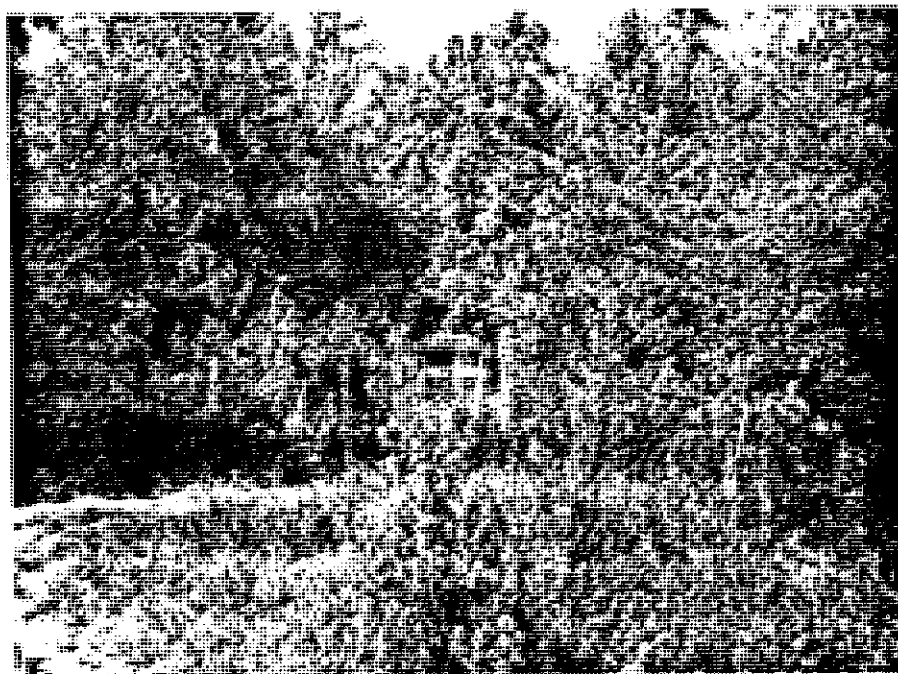


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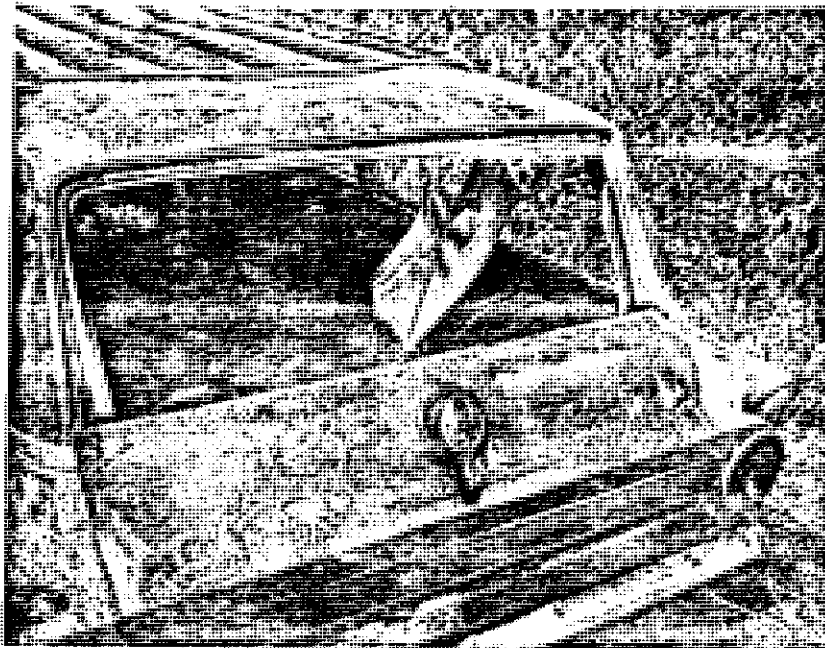
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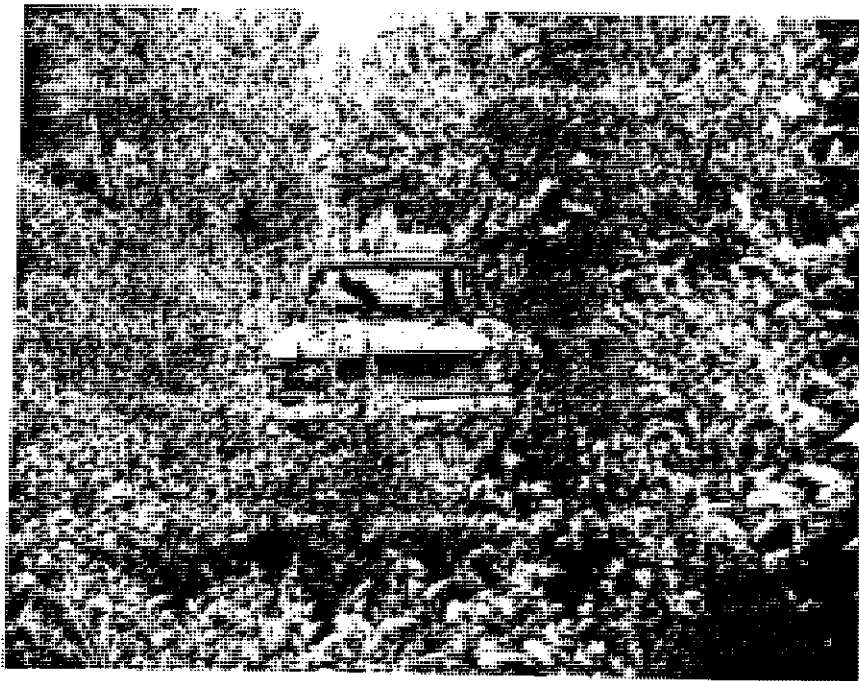
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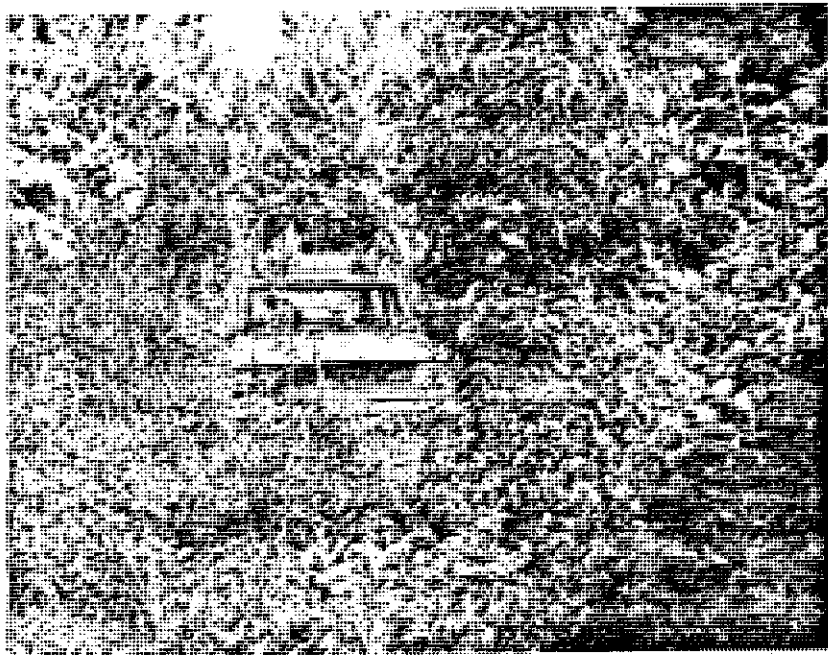
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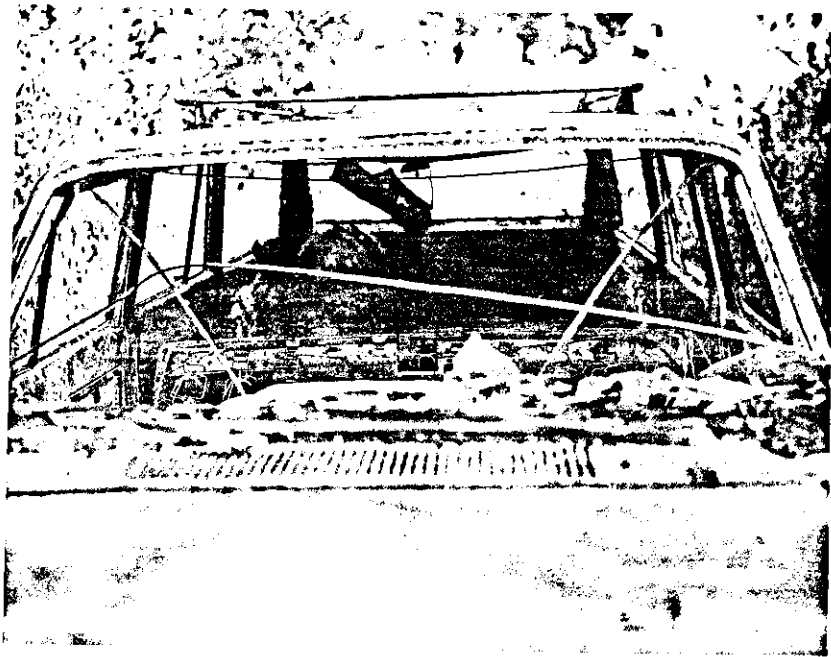


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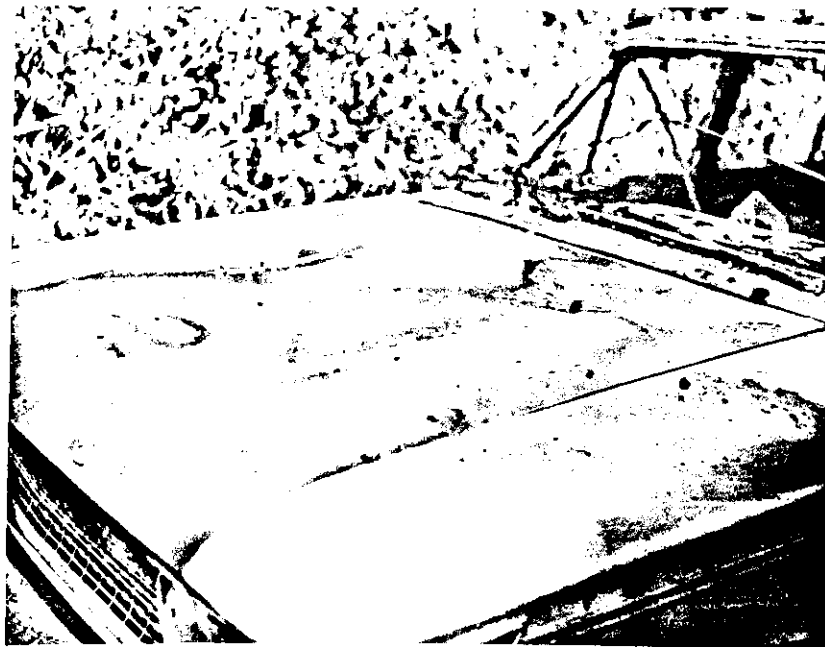


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Pack 1, Photo 11



441 Pack 1, Photo 12

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Pack 2, Photo 1



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Pack 2, Photo 2

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Pack 2, Photo 3

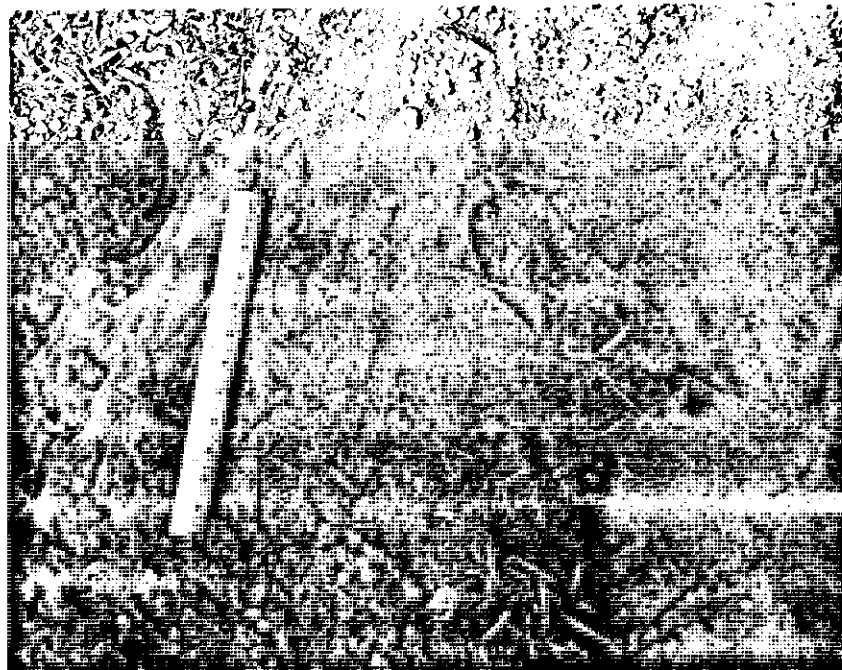


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Pack 2, Photo 6

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 29, 19641

Early in the morning of June 24, 1964, SA's JAY COCHRAN, JR., and [REDACTED] from the FBI Laboratory, examined debris previously recovered from the victims' burned station wagon. b7c

The debris was initially examined to determine whether or not any human remains were present in it. The examination disclosed no human remains.

The debris contained pieces of glass, bits of fabric, glass wool insulation, pieces of plastic, portions of shoes, pieces of paper, metal automobile parts that had melted and solidified, screws, coins, pliers, a portion of a screwdriver, pencil ferrules, a man's metal heel plate with nails attached and numerous other items of no apparent significance.

All of the above items were badly damaged by fire. In addition, much of the debris consisted of burned materials too badly damaged by fire to be recognizable.

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On 6/24/64 at Meridian, Miss. File # NO 44-2227  
by SA's JAY COCHRAN, JR. and [REDACTED] /ldo Date dictated 6/28/64  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 29, 19641

On June 24, 1964, SA's JAY COCHRAN, JR., and [REDACTED] of the FBI Laboratory, conducted a search of the scene where the victims' vehicle had been burned. b7c

They first walked over the scene and immediate surroundings. Several oil and beer cans, a tobacco tin, a green plastic bottle, a Coca-Cola bottle, and a lighter fluid can were recovered. A piece of a leather boot with a name and a possible military serial number appearing thereon was also found near the scene.

Secondly, the area immediately surrounding where the burned vehicle had been setting to Highway 21 was thoroughly and painstakingly gone over with rakes. Nothing of significance was recovered from the raked area.

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by SA's JAY COCHRAN, JR., and [REDACTED] /ldo Date dictated 6/28/64  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 29, 1964

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On June 24, 1964, the systematic search and examination of the victims' burned vehicle was begun by SAs JAY COCHRAN, JR. and [REDACTED] of the FBI Laboratory. *b7c*

Additional debris recovered from the vehicle by SAs COCHRAN and [REDACTED] was examined by them. Again, no human remains were found. This debris, for the most part, consisted of items similar to those in the debris previously recovered from the vehicle. However, two additional items of possible significance were found in the debris; namely, a wristwatch without strap or spring bar strap retaining pins and a ring of five keys, containing two Ford Motor Company car keys. *b7c*

The ignition lock and the locks from both front doors were obtained. The glove compartment lock was missing from the glove compartment door and was not recovered.

No bullet holes or indentations were found in or on the burned vehicle.

At this time the vehicle identification plate from the left front door together with its attachment rivets and the public vehicle identification number from the left front fender inside the motor compartment were cut from the car.

The plate number read as follows:

3F38L 106548

It also contained the following descriptive information:

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Body       | 71D |
| Color      | E   |
| Trim       | 42  |
| Date       | 10J |
| DSO        | 15  |
| Axel-Trans | 43  |

The public vehicle identification number from the motor compartment read as follows: 3F38L 106546

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by SAs JAY COCHRAN, JR., and [REDACTED] *447*  
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Immediately above the last "6" in this number (underlined above for emphasis only) was a very lightly stamped "8".

No tire chains were located within the car. In addition, the search did not locate a bumper jack. A combination jack handle and lug nut wrench was in the spare tire compartment as was the spare tire wheel.

Based on the window-winding mechanisms, the window positions at the time of the fire were determined to be:

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Right front door | Down |
| Left front door  | Down |
| Right rear door  | Down |
| Left rear door   | Up   |
| Tailgate         | Down |

The right and left rear side window positions (if these windows are of the moveable type) could not be determined because of the extensive fire damage to the window channels. Other than small fragments, no glass remained in any of the window frames at the time of this examination.

Examination of the gas tank, which had become detached in transporting the car from the scene, disclosed no evidence of an explosion. The drain plug was found securely in place in the tank.

The car's odometer was completely destroyed by fire and no reading was possible.

The left front tire and wheel, not severely damaged by fire, had been removed from the car. The outside sidewall of this tire bore two parallel red marks near the rim. The rim portion showed fresh marks indicating recent removal of the wheel cover (hub cap). The three remaining wheels, still mounted on the car, were all badly damaged by fire. The fire discoloration in the rim areas of these wheels was not disturbed or marked in any way. This permits the conclusion that the three wheel covers on these wheels were either not on the car at the time of the fire or "popped" from the wheels due to heat expansion prior to the completion of the fire.

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The internal and external condition of the vehicle and the fire patterns observed are consistent with those previously described by prior observers.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date July 2, 1964

On June 29, 1964, the scene where the victims' vehicle was burned was measured by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory so that a diagram of the scene could be prepared. A copy of a diagram based on these measurements is attached. *b7C*

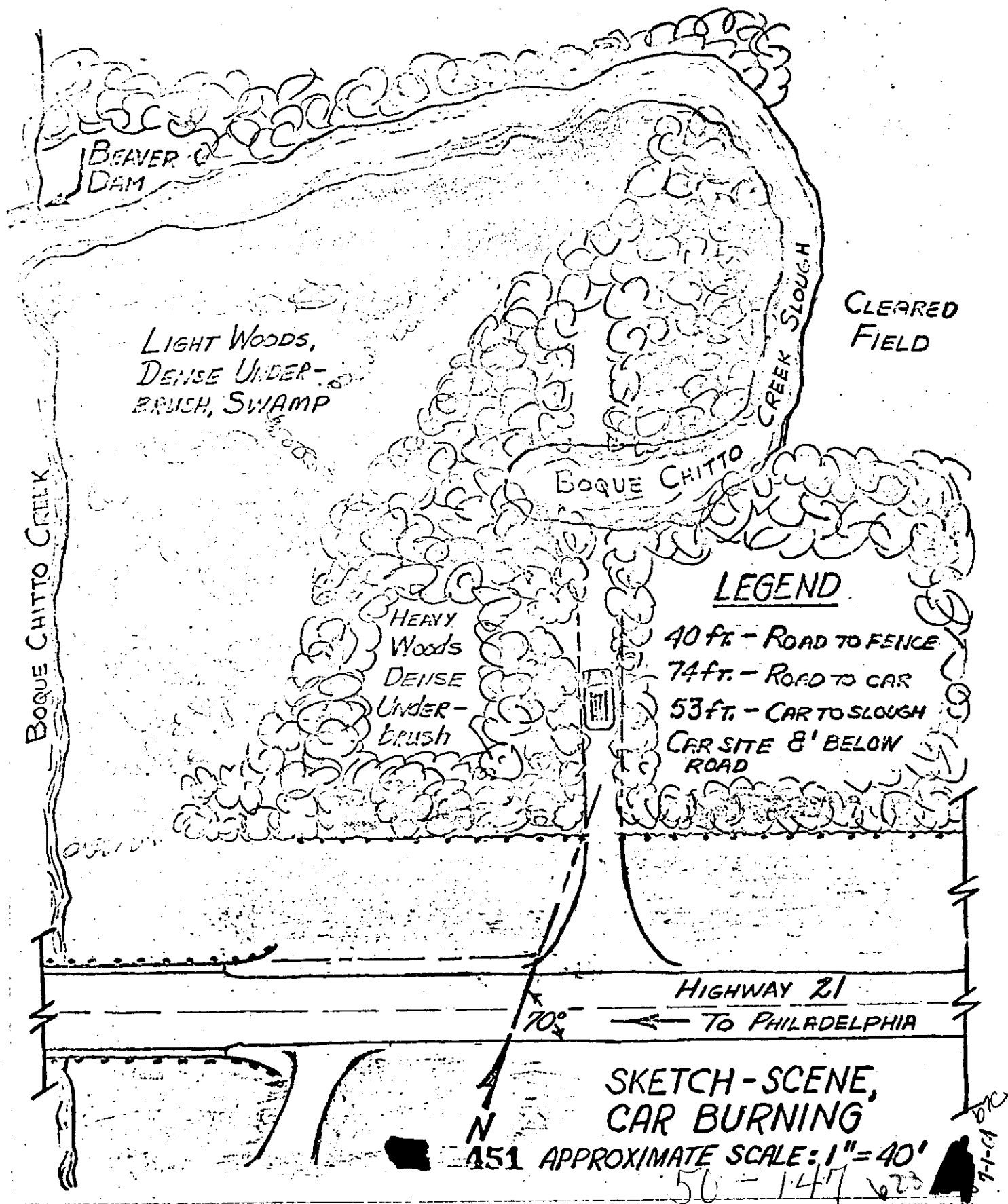
The boundaries of the old roadway on which the vehicle was burned are very indistinct. The approximate boundaries are indicated by dashed lines on the attached diagram.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 29, 19641

On the afternoon of June 26, 1964, at Stokes Auto Body Shop, Philadelphia, Mississippi, in the company of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol [REDACTED] the two confidential vehicle identification numbers on the victims' burned station wagon were located and removed from the vehicle. b7c

These numbers both plainly read as follows:

3F38L 106546

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On 6/26/64 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # NO 44-2227  
by SAs JAY COCHRAN, JR., and [REDACTED] Date dictated 6/28/64  
[REDACTED] esp b7c

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 6, 19641

On July 4, 1964, SAs [REDACTED] and JAY COCHRAN, JR. took charred debris from the top of the victims' vehicle to be identified and examined for the presence of fire accelerants. b7c

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On 7/4/64 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # NO 44-2227

by SAs [REDACTED] and b7c  
JAY COCHRAN, JR. /esp Date dictated 7/5/64 b30

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 6, 19641

During the examination of the victims' station wagon on July 4, 1964, two badly damaged instruments were removed from the dash of this vehicle. These instruments were determined to be the fuel gauge and engine temperature gauge.

Preliminary readings for these gauges, based on heat discoloration of the damaged faces, indicate that the fuel gauge registered 3/4 full and the temperature gauge registered in the normal operation range at the time of the fire.

The vehicle's fuel tank was opened and the interior inspected. All of the fuel was consumed by fire, leaving extensive sooting. No accurate determination of the amount of fuel remaining in the tank at the time of the fire could be made; however, there is some suggestion, based on a soot line at one end of the tank, that the tank was approximately 1/2 full.

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On 7/4/64 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # NO 44-2227  
by SA JA. COCHRAN, JR./esp (mjh) Date dictated 7/5/64 631

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date July 7, 1964

On July 6, 1964, [REDACTED] Swartzfager Ford Company, 420 20th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, made available to SA JAY C. COCHRAN, JR., a 1963 Ford Fairlane shop service manual. b7C

This manual reflects the fuel tank of the Ford Fairlane has a capacity of 16 gallons and that the two gauges in this vehicle, namely the fuel gauge and the engine temperature gauge, are actuated by a bi-metallic strip contained within the gauge. This bi-metallic strip contracts and expands with heat. The heating of the bi-metallic strip is produced by a varying electric signal initiated by the float system contained within the fuel tank.

The engine temperature gauge is operated in a similar manner, except that the electric signal is controlled by a thermostat installed in the water jacket in the engine.

It is concluded that any readings obtained from these two instruments, removed from the victims' vehicle, are completely unreliable, since the bi-metallic strip controlling the gauges' needles would be externally effected by the fire.

[REDACTED] based upon his experience [REDACTED] Ford and his experience with 1963 Fairlane automobiles that normal gasoline consumption for this vehicle would range between approximately 14 miles per gallon within the city to approximately 18 miles per gallon on the open highway. b7C

[REDACTED] there is no wood used in the construction or installation of the roof rack on the 1963 Ford Fairlane Stationwagon. (Note: Question asked in attempt to resolve presence of extensive charred woodlike material found on top of stationwagon.) b7C

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by SA JAY C. COCHRAN, JR.:sal Date dictated 7/7/64 b32

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/30/64

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[REDACTED] Roamer - Madan Watch Company, 16 East 40th Street, furnished the following information: *b7C*

The Roamer Watch manufactured by the Roamer Watch Company, SA, Solothurn, Switzerland, is just now being offered for sale in the United States.

The case numbers on the Roamer Watch are six digit numbers and he has no record of or knowledge of a watch bearing a five digit case number or one in the 59,000 series.

The six digit case number is inscribed on the inside of the back case panel and to his knowledge there never has been a number on the reverse of the watch except those numbers of the patents under which the watches are manufactured.

The case number is in fact a model number to denote which movements manufactured by the company will fit the particular style of case and hundreds or thousands of watches will bear the same case number.

A Roamer 17 jewel, water resistant, shock proof watch with a stainless steel back is a conventional watch. This watch he stated would have a power supply of approximately 36 hours when fully wound. The condition of the spring and the power supply remaining in a watch found away from the wearer would, of course, be dependent on the wearer's habit of winding.

The following models of watches were made available by [REDACTED] for photographing: *b7C*

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by

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*b7C*  
[REDACTED] *bca/bjm*Date dictated 6/30/64 *623*

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1. Model number 17197.41, case number  
131 430.
2. No model number, case number 142 414.
3. Model number 17244.--, case number  
134 441.
4. Model Number 17254.28, case number  
136 414.
5. Model number 17244.32, case number  
146 452.

The above are the only watches not recently manufactured for fall, 1964 sale available at the United States Offices of the Roamer Watch Company.

The watches number two and three above are those of a customer and [REDACTED] and therefore the model number was unavailable or incomplete. b7c

Examination of the reverse of all of the above watches disclosed there was no case number appearing thereon and the only numbers appearing on the reverse of the case were the patent numbers under which the watches were manufactured.

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Date June 30, 19641

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
approximately 2 o'clock A. M. June 22, 1964  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had seen a big fire burning alongside Highway 21 in the Bogue Chitto swamp.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] assumed the possibility that this fire may have had some relation to the missing car, [REDACTED] did not know whether the fire he saw was a car or not.

[REDACTED] had no information whatever concerning the missing workers or as to the identity of the person or persons who burned the vehicle in this matter.

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b7c  
b7D

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by SA [REDACTED] sal b7c Date dictated 6/30/64

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Date August 7, 19641

[REDACTED] had seen two automobiles pass him during the early morning hours of June 22, 1964, when he had observed a fire at the location of the recovery of the victims' car.

[REDACTED] seeing the fire at the Bogue Chitto swamp on Highway 21 on the morning of June 22, 1964. [REDACTED] denied [REDACTED] had seen anyone at the fire or that he had passed any cars on the highway on this occasion.

[REDACTED] denied [REDACTED] seeing anything other than the fire in the early morning of June 22, 1964.

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b7D

On 8/1/64 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # JN 44-1

by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] /esp [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/6/64

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Date July 27, 1964

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T. HUDSON, Highway 21 [redacted] was re-  
contacted on this date and furnished the following addi-  
tional information in response to inquiry:

[redacted]

[redacted]

T. HUDSON advised that he had thought about the  
events of the night of June 21-22, 1964, when he saw the  
burning station wagon. However, he is unable to recall  
any additional details and again stated that he had not  
seen or recognized anyone at the fire. [redacted]

[redacted]

On 7/25/64 at Kemper County, Miss. File # NO 44-2227  
by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] /ldo [redacted] Date dictated 7/27/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 23, 1964

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T. HUDSON, who resides on Highway 21 near the Neshoba -  
Kemper County Line

[REDACTED]

He stated that he owns a 1959 Chevrolet which has a  
light chrome streak on the side.

At the onset of the interview, HUDSON advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] he had seen the fire  
from the burning station wagon belonging to the victims in this  
case.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] related the fact that  
he had seen a fire near the Bogue Chitto Creek bridge and had  
not indicated knowledge of any other information relating to this  
incident. He stated also that he was interviewed by a Special  
Agent of the FBI and that he repeated this same information  
on that occasion.

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b7c  
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On 7/22/64 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227

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He was asked to again relate the circumstances of his activities prior to arriving at the scene of the fire and he stated that while he leaves his house at no set time on Sunday night, to return to his job at Wiggins, Mississippi, he did leave later than usual on Sunday, June 21, 1964.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He states that this was shortly after 1 A.M. As he proceeded toward Philadelphia, on Highway 21, he saw in the distance evidence of a fire.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He soon saw that the fire was nearer the Bogue Chitto Creek and he relates that he saw sparks and "heard poppins" and smelled burning rubber. HUDSON stated that as he passed, he did not closely observe the blaze.

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Date June 29, 1964

[REDACTED]

On Monday, June 22, 1964, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] decided to go fishing.

[REDACTED] drove to the vicinity of Bogue Chitto River and parked their car on the right or south side of Highway 21 at the east end of the second cement bridge and estimated he arrived at approximately 5 P. M.

They then crossed the road and walked down the east or right side of a small road going toward the beaver dam on Bogue Chitto River [REDACTED]. Shortly after leaving the highway he noticed a car which was burned, and he walked down the right or east side of this car and took a trail off to the right when he noticed that [REDACTED] had stopped to look at the car. He then came back and [REDACTED] was at the front of the car and opened the hood of the car. [REDACTED] noticed that there was smoke coming from under the hood apparently toward the rear end of the engine section. He went to the front of the car and looked in the car and thought the smoke was coming from some burning wires or something inside the motor. The hood, which [REDACTED] touched, was warm but not uncomfortably hot to the touch. He noted that the body part of the stationwagon was burned, and to his best recollection all the tires were gone.

[REDACTED] noted the door on the driver's side of the vehicle was open and about the only thing else he recalled was that there was a Mississippi license with the letter H on it. He did not recall the number.

[REDACTED] did not recall about the hub caps but as he recalled, the aerial was gone from the vehicle.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] did not recall seeing anyone else in the vicinity during the time he was there. He did not observe any tracks or marks of any kind in the vicinity of the burned vehicle although he and [REDACTED] each walked around the vehicle.

[REDACTED] did not notice an odor of any kind at the time he was at the vehicle such as burning rubber, but he did notice that the back part of the car was damp inside apparently from the rain, and there was no smoke coming from any part of the car but the hood.

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more than three weeks. [REDACTED] the car was badly burned, however, it was a stationwagon, and he believed it was a 1963 Ford.

[REDACTED] opened the hood of the car and that they observed that the motor was still smoking.

[REDACTED] there was an odor around the car which smelled like whiskey or alcohol of some form.

[REDACTED] in examining the motor they noticed it was barely warm.

[REDACTED] from his observation of the stationwagon he assumed that the car must have been burned from the rear toward the front since the back of the car was not smoking.

[REDACTED] in the back of the wagon he noticed a lug wrench and a spare tire rim and a lot of ashes.

[REDACTED] the license plate was burned so that the color was not visible, but he did see the letter H on the plate.

[REDACTED] noticed there was one tire on the left front side that was not burned. [REDACTED] could not recall seeing any hub caps on the car or on the ground at this time.

[REDACTED] the ground around the car was still wet from the rain but that he did not notice any debris or other items on the ground.

[REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he had seen the burned car and that [REDACTED] had remarked he had seen the car but had not stopped to inspect the car.

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[REDACTED] did not take anything out of the car.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had not seen anyone other than [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at or in the vicinity of the burned car on June 22, 1964.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 29, 1964

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled that on Monday, June 22, 1964, it rained in the afternoon. He thought the rain lasted for about two hours and it started about 2:30 P. M. It was still cloudy although not raining when he went to Bogue Chitto Creek to go fishing. [REDACTED] arrived at the creek about 5 P. M.

[REDACTED] first fished for approximately 30 minutes under the cement bridge over Bogue Chitto Creek and then started down the river toward the beaver dam. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Just as he left the highway he noticed a burned stationwagon in the brush which he did not think was visible from the highway but he noticed that shortly thereafter.

He noted there was smoke coming from under the hood of the car on the left side. He walked to the front of the car and lifted up the hood which was warm but not hot. [REDACTED] could not determine just where the smoke was coming from, but it appeared to him as if it were coming from the back part and underneath the engine. He did not think there was anything burning in the motor section of the car but that the smoke was coming from under the engine.

[REDACTED] walked around the car and noted that the left door or the door on the driver's side was open. He noticed that the left front wheel had not been burned and stated it did not contain a hub cap. The car was completely burned out and the spare wheel was not in the tire well but on the platform in the rear of the vehicle. He noticed a tire iron in the depression in the rear section of the stationwagon. [REDACTED] there were no other tools that he observed.

[REDACTED] there was no odor of smoke that he could recall although he thought he smelled something like beer or whiskey, although he did not notice any cans.

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[REDACTED] then went fishing for about two hours and returned to the car. He took the mirror from the left door and hid it in the leaves in front of the car. [REDACTED] took the three hub caps lying near the three burned wheels and took them to the same area and hid them in the brush.

[REDACTED] also pulled off the aerial which was located on the left side of the car, [REDACTED] left it on the ground on the left or west side of the car.

[REDACTED] the door on the driver's side was open, [REDACTED] took a hold of the handle of this door. He touched the rear door of the stationwagon when he looked into it, and it was cold. [REDACTED] the only place that he noticed heat was in the hood.

[REDACTED] he observed the license and noticed it was a Mississippi license containing the letter H.

[REDACTED] did not notice any indication in the area that anyone had walked into the brush from the car, that is, he did not notice any place where the grass was disturbed. He did not notice any tracks or footprints in the area of the car at that time but stated he walked completely around the car. [REDACTED] on that day he wore a pair of shoes which were size [REDACTED] and had a rubber heel.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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██████████ accompanied the Agents to the area where the car had been burned and recovered three hub caps and the side door mirror which he had hidden approximately 25 feet north of where the car was parked in a dense clump of thorns and blackberries. The mirror he had hidden under some leaves under a blackberry bush.

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Date July 2, 1964

June 22, 1964

[redacted] at about 4:30 P. M. [redacted] on Highway 21 to Bogue Chitto Creek where [redacted] parked [redacted] east of the Bogue Chitto Creek on the south side of Highway 21. [redacted] fished on this creek under the bridge for approximately 30 minutes and during this time approximately ten cars passed on Highway 21 but none of them slowed down and no cars stopped in the area, and he did not see any individuals either fishing or walking in the area during that time. [redacted] crossed Highway 21, down off the highway and at this time saw a burned out stationwagon. [redacted] in order to get to the stationwagon it was necessary to go through a barb-wire fence, however, the gap between the posts through which the stationwagon would have to pass was down on the ground, and he recalls this wire had been down for at least three weeks and maybe longer. [redacted] approached the stationwagon on the right side. [redacted] stopped and looked at the stationwagon and noticed smoke coming out from under the hood in the vicinity of the rear of the engine. [redacted] lifted the hood which was still warm and saw the smoke but could not determine what was burning. [redacted] also touched the radiator, and it was also warm.

[redacted] walked around the left side of the car, and the door on the driver's side was open. [redacted] closed this door and did not reopen it. [redacted] door was not burned as was the rest of the stationwagon, and it was cool when he touched it. [redacted] walked around the rear of the stationwagon and looked in the rear window and saw a lot of ashes which were damp and then looked in the well which holds tools and saw a lug wrench and two full

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tire chains like those used in snow or mud. [redacted] definitely did not see a tire jack nor did he notice any other tools or anything else except ashes inside the stationwagon. [redacted] touched the back of the stationwagon, and it was also cool. [redacted] while looking into the stationwagon he smelled an odor like whiskey or beer around the stationwagon. [redacted] could not smell the smoke which he had seen. [redacted] while walking around the stationwagon he did not notice anything lying around the outside of the stationwagon nor did he see any footprints.

[redacted] first examination of the stationwagon took approximately five minutes. [redacted] went through the brush to the creek and went to the beaver dam to fish. [redacted]

[redacted] picked up three hub caps from the two rear wheels and the right front wheel which were lying on the ground, and hid them in some blackberry bushes approximately 25 feet from the front of the stationwagon, and he also took the side view mirror off the door and hid it in the blackberry bushes in some leaves in the same area as the hub caps. [redacted] the radio antenna was on the ground near the side of the stationwagon, and he left it there. [redacted] there was no hub cap on the left front wheel. [redacted] did not take anything else from the stationwagon and never entered the stationwagon at any time. [redacted] the only thought he had about the burned stationwagon was that it might have been purposely set on fire by someone because it would not run. [redacted] went to the highway and at the area just off the highway behind the stationwagon he noticed no tire tracks or footprints at all. [redacted]

[redacted] when they left the area of the burned stationwagon they saw no other vehicles parked nor did they see any individuals on foot in the area, and he does not believe any automobiles passed on the highway at the time they left.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date June 29, 1964

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Monday afternoon, June 22, 1964, he decided to go fishing on Bogue Chitto Creek and arrived there at approximately 5:30 P. M. He was alone and noticed only one other car parked in the area [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] parked his automobile on the north side of the east end of the bridge, walked across the road and down a faint road toward the creek. Just after he left the highway he noticed a car which had burned and thought it probably had belonged to some fishermen and had caught on fire.

He did not look the car over at all and did not observe any smoke around the vehicle or any tracks or prints of any kind. He turned off on a trail located in about the back part or middle of the car and did not pay any attention to the car as he passed.

[REDACTED] the only one he saw on the creek fishing was [REDACTED] and when he returned to the road and left the area he did not see anyone or any other cars parked in the vicinity.

[REDACTED] had not previously seen the car, and he had not had an occasion to travel on the highway in that particular area on Sunday, June 21, 1964, or Monday, June 22, 1964.

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by SAS [REDACTED] 076 Date dictated 6/28/64 V52

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Date June 30, 1964

[REDACTED] drove to Highway 21 in Bogue Chitto Creek approximately 15 miles northeast of Philadelphia, Mississippi, to go fishing.

[REDACTED] parked [REDACTED] off the highway. [REDACTED] walked off the highway and saw a stationwagon, model and make unknown to him, which had been burned. He estimates this time at approximately 5:30 P. M., and he said he thought it probably belonged to some fisherman and had probably caught on fire.

He did not examine the stationwagon but walked on the right side of it to take a trail along the creek. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] seen smoke coming from under the hood of the stationwagon and had lifted the hood and attempted to determine what was burning but could not. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had seen smoke coming from under the hood of this vehicle and had also looked over the stationwagon [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] again passed the burned out stationwagon without examining it [REDACTED]

On 6/30/64 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227 *all* *50-1'*

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[REDACTED] did not see any other vehicles either parked or coming down the road. He saw no other individuals either near this stationwagon or at the creek while he was fishing. He said when he left the scene of the burned out stationwagon [REDACTED] he saw no other vehicle or persons in the vicinity.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] knows of no other individuals who may have been in the area on Sunday, June 21, 1964, or Monday, June 22, 1964, who could possibly have seen the burned out stationwagon or the individuals who placed it there.

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Date June 27, 19641

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was last at the scene of where the victims' car was later found at about 11:00 a.m. on June 22, 1964.

[REDACTED] there were no burned or scorched trees [REDACTED] and definitely the station wagon was not there between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., June 22, 1964.

[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 27, 19641

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has since passed the scene where the station wagon was found burned and he is certain it was not there between 6:00 or 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on June 22, 1964, and he is certain there were no scorched or burned trees in the area at that time.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 27, 19641

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has since seen the location where the station wagon was burned and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on June 22, 1964, the victims' station wagon was not at this location and the trees were not scorched and burned.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 29, 19641

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has since been by the location where the station wagon was found burned.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

At that time, the barbed wire fence was up and there was some brush on the highway side of the fence.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as well as he can judge he was in the immediate vicinity of where the station wagon was found burned between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on June 22, 1964, and at this time the station wagon was definitely not there and the barbed wire fence was up.

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REPORT  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, New Orleans

Re: MIBURN

Date: July 8, 1964

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

PC-81337 CC CW IS

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PC-81331 AR GH

Specimens received 6/26/64, personally delivered by SA Vincent B. Coyle,  
FBI, New Orleans, PC-81337 CC

- Q1 Plaster cast shoe print
- Q2 Plaster cast shoe print
- Q3 Men's burned wrist watch (listed in Lab #PC-81306 CW)
- Q4 Gas cap
- Q5 Left front car door lock
- Q6 Right front car door lock
- Q7 Ignition lock
- Q8 - Q13 Ring and five keys
- Q14 VIN (secondary), inside left front fender within motor compartment
- Q15 VIN identification plate and rivets, left front door
- Q16 Debris from under drivers seat
- Q17 Debris from rear floor, right side
- Q18 Debris from bed of trunk
- Q19 Debris from under left rear seat
- Q20 Debris from floor, front left seat
- Q21 Debris from rear floor, left side
- Q22 Debris from bed of trunk
- Q23 Debris, contents tire well
- Q24 Debris, contents tire well
- Q25 Debris from front floor, right side
- Q26 Piece of leather boot
- Q27 Large carton containing miscellaneous debris

Also Submitted: One package of items for latent fingerprint examination

Specimen received 6/29/64, PC-81324 AR (New Orleans Airtel 6/27/64)

- Q28 Lock from tailgate of station wagon

Evidence personally delivered by SA Vincent B. Coyle, 6/27/64,  
PC-81331 AR GH

- Q29 - Q30 Two parts of car bearing Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 3F38L106546

- Q31 Portion of front bumper bearing paint smears

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**Results of examination:**

The outline of a bell-shaped design was noted in the heel portion of the Q1 cast. Similar designs are found in a number of different heels, including some heels manufactured by the B. F. Goodrich Company. Further identification of the design was not possible because the Q1 cast is not sufficiently clear for detailed examination. Heels made by the B. F. Goodrich Company are used on new shoes as well as for repair.

No design was noted in the Q2 cast so the possible make of heel or shoe involved could not be determined.

The Q2 cast is approximately  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches long which is the approximate length of a size 8 or  $8\frac{1}{2}$  shoe. It is to be noted that the length of a shoe for a given size will vary with the style of shoe involved.

Due to the distortion in the Q1 cast, the length and approximate size could not be determined. It does appear, however, that the Q1 cast impression was made by a relatively small shoe.

The results of the examination of specimen Q3 were reported in FBI Laboratory report PC-81306 CW, dated 6/26/64.

The five keys attached to the key ring, specimens Q8 through Q13 are as follows:

One Yale cabinet or desk lock key.

One Ford car key having a round head.

One "Meyer" gas cap key bearing code number L481.

One "P & F Corbin" housedoor or office door lock type key.

One bow portion of a Ford car key. The bit end of this key is missing and appears to have melted from the heat of the fire.

The "Meyer" gas cap key is cut to the code of the gas cap lock, Q4, and is made to operate this lock.

Because the bit end of the ignition type Ford key is missing, no conclusion could be reached whether this key originally fit any of the car door locks and ignition lock submitted.

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The left front door lock, Q5, bears the code number "FE 519."

No portions of a key were found in any of the locks submitted.

The roundhead Ford key on the ring of keys Q8 through Q13 has been cut to the code of the lock Q28 and operates this lock.

The VIN identification plate and rivets Q15, are identical to authentic serial plates and rivets found on Ford cars. None of the numbers in Q15 have been changed or altered.

Nothing was found to indicate that any of the vehicle identification numbers in Q14, Q29 and Q30 had been changed. Above the last number "6" in Q14 is a faint impression of a number "8."

Chemical examinations were made of specimens Q16 through Q25 and Q27. No traces of petroleum hydrocarbons or other flammable fluids were identified in this debris.

No evidence of human remains was found in the debris, specimens Q16 through Q25 and Q27.

The portion of a name "William J" and a portion of a service number which appears to be US53260" are hand printed on the piece of a combat boot, specimen Q26. Specimen Q26 is not burned and appears to have been exposed to the elements for some time. A photograph of the characters on specimen Q26 is being furnished herewith.

Burned pieces of compressed wool and cotton fibers were found in specimens Q17, Q20, Q21, Q25 and Q27. This material appears to be from a fiber mat.

Burned pieces of knitted cotton fabric were in specimens Q18, Q23, Q24 and Q27. The source of this material is not known.

Small burned pieces of cotton fabric woven with a plain weave were found in specimens Q18 and Q23. This material appears to be a muslin type of cloth.

Insulating material composed of compressed glass fibers and filler was found in specimen Q22.

A piece of fabric woven with a plain weave and composed of what appears to be glass fibers was in specimen Q24. Although the source of this fabric is not known, it may be insulating material.

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Specimen Q31 bore two separate paint smears. One smear was a white enamel and the other smear was predominantly a green enamel. Detailed analyses of these two paint smears revealed them to be similar in colors and compositions to "Sage Green" and "De Soto White" original finishes used on two-tone 1956 De Soto automobiles. Both of these paints are in positions on the 1956 De Soto which would make them simultaneously available for bumper contact.

Very small traces of a beige or light tan paint, adequate only for general color comparisons were found crushed along one edge of the green enamel smear.

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Specimens received 7/1/64

Q32 - Q34 Three pieces of barbed wire from fence at the scene  
where vehicle burnedK1 Paint sample of left front fender of 1963 Ford station wagon  
K2 Paint sample from splash pan below left headlights of 1963  
Ford station wagon

## Results of examination:

Specimen K1 contained three-layered paint chips as  
follows:

1. Blue metallic top layer
2. Grey primer
3. Brown primer

Specimen K2 contained two-layered paint chips as follows:

1. Blue metallic top layer
2. Red-brown primer

The three pieces of barbed wire, Q32 through Q34, bore foreign paint smears. The paint comprising these smears was a turquoise nonmetallic lacquer. This turquoise nonmetallic lacquer is similar in color and type of paint to the original finish on 1956 Chevrolets known as "Twilight Turquoise."

No paint was found on Q32 through Q34 which was like the paint of specimen K1 or K2.

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Re:

Lab. No. PC-81306 CW

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Specimens received 6/26/64

Q3 Men's burned wrist watch found in burned Fairlane  
station wagon

## Results of examination:

The back of the watchcase, specimen Q3, bears the brand name "ROAMER" under which appears "59183" which is apparently the watchcase number. The back of the watchcase also bears the following markings:

SWISS MADE  
WATERPROTECTED  
SHOCKPROTECTED  
STAINLESS STEEL BACK

The wrist watch movement bears the following markings:

ROAMER  
17 JEWELS  
SWISS MADE

There is no record of specimen Q3 in our National Stolen Property Index. The wrist watch movement does not bear a serial number and there are no identification markings scratched into specimen Q3 to indicate that it had been repaired.

The mainspring of the wrist watch is approximately half wound. The inside of the wrist watch is dirty and rusty so that the cause for the stoppage of the works is not known.

The hand fragments attached to the watch are in the 12:45 position.

Specimen Q3 is being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.

IX. ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AUTHORITIES AT PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

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Date 8/12/64

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[REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that he would have no objections to furnishing whatever parts of the radio logs maintained by his office that are necessary for the investigation of the case involving the missing civil rights workers. b7C

[REDACTED] made available his daily log books starting on May 8, 1964, and ending on July 31, 1964. b7C

[REDACTED] said that he did not mind loaning his log books to be photographed but that he desired they be returned to him promptly. b7C

On 8/11/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # JN 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mem [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/12/64 b6 b7C

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 13, 19641

[REDACTED] Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Mississippi, advised that he had no objection to furnishing whatever portions of the radio logs of the Philadelphia Police Department might be necessary for the proper investigation of the case involving the three missing civil rights workers. b7C

[REDACTED] furnished radio logs for the period June 15, 16, 17, 1964, and radio logs for June 21 and 22, 1964. b7C

[REDACTED] said that he would like to have the radio logs returned at the earliest possible time but that he had no objection to having them photographed or having copies made of them. b7C

On 8/11/64 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # JN 44-1

by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7C  
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# DAILY OPERATING LOG

Call Letters W11982 Frequency 155-73

*Continued*

| DATE    | UNIT CALLED | TIME  | ASSIGNMENT, NATURE OF CALL OR REMARKS  | 69 | 00 | OPERATOR ON-DUTY (Sign - Do Not If) |
|---------|-------------|-------|--|----|----|-------------------------------------|
| 6-21-64 |             | 0325  | Providence to J.P. John. Captain.      |    | 8  |                                     |
|         |             |       | Officer sent to be picked up           |    | 1  |                                     |
|         |             |       | from two M. J. Smith 1951              |    | 20 |                                     |
|         |             |       | Chrysler 1951 to call                  |    | 15 |                                     |
|         |             |       | from Providence                        |    |    |                                     |
|         |             |       | 100-1000. Officer                      |    |    |                                     |
|         |             |       | 10-20. Friday 150000                   |    |    |                                     |
|         |             |       | 10-0500. Beach area                    |    |    |                                     |
|         |             |       | 10-0600. 10-20-000                     |    |    |                                     |
| 6-21-64 |             | 0600  | all units                              |    |    |                                     |
|         | 100-41      | 0645  | C.P. Humdon. Dumb at home              |    |    |                                     |
|         | 140         | 7:30  | 10-7 Home                              |    |    |                                     |
|         | 140         | 7:45  | 10-8                                   |    |    |                                     |
|         | 140         | 7:50  | 10-14. Accident on road. Hally Vailles |    |    |                                     |
|         | 140         | 10:45 | Accident on Highway. Hally Vailles     |    |    |                                     |
|         | 140         | 130   | 1080 on ground ST                      |    |    |                                     |
|         | 140         | 1330  | 1040 on ground of                      |    |    |                                     |
|         | 140         | 330   | 1080 on ground of                      |    |    |                                     |

# DAILY OPERATING LOG



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

Call Letters: W11352 Frequency 155-73

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| DATE    | UNIT CALLED | TIME | ASSIGNMENT, NATURE OF CALL OR REMARKS | OPERATOR ON DUTY<br>(Sign - Do Not Initial) |
|---------|-------------|------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 6-23-64 |             |      |                                       |   |
|         | U0          | 1800 | Good duty 1st air handler             | Judson                                      |
|         | U0          | 1900 | 10-20 Carter Ave                      |   |
|         | U0          | 1925 | 10-20 - same                          |   |
|         |             |      | Providing 2nd shift Carter            |   |
|         |             |      | Station 445 Ave St. Louis 1000        |   |
|         | U0          | 1930 | 10-7 same                             |   |
|         | U0          | 1945 | 10-8 same                             |   |
|         | U0          | 2000 | 10-21 Birthday 1st street             |   |
|         | U0          | 2035 | 10-7 2nd St                           |   |
|         | U0          | 2100 | 10-20 - Beacon Street                 |   |
|         | U0          | 2200 | 10-20 Beacon Ave                      |   |
|         | U0          | 2300 | 10-20 Beacon Street                   |   |
|         | U0          | 2400 | 10-20 - Franklin Avenue               |   |
|         | U0          | 0100 | 10-21 - Beacon Ave                    |   |
|         | U0          | 0200 | 10-20 Beacon Ave                      |   |
|         | U0          | 0300 | 10-20 Beacon St                       |   |
|         | U0          | 0400 | 10-20 Beacon 1st Street               |   |
|         | U0          | 0500 | 10-20 East Street                     |   |
|         | U0          | 0600 | 10-20 2nd St                          |   |
| 6-23-64 |             | 0600 | off duty                              |   |

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/22/641

A review of Photostats of the Daily Operating Log for Philadelphia Police Department, radio call letters KKU282, frequency 155-73, for the dates June 16, 17, 21 and 23, 1964, reveal that no traffic pertinent to the case involving the missing civil rights workers in the Philadelphia area or the burning of the Mount Zion Church is noted with one exception.

The exception is that on June 21, 1964 at 10: PM, the following notation appears on the log: "Reported drag racing on State Street, Unit 40 was advised."

There are no other notations on the log which appear to be pertinent to this investigation.

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8/22/64 at Meridian, MississippiFile # JN 44-1by S. [REDACTED] :bjmDate dictated 8/22/64

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/22/641

[REDACTED] Philadelphia,  
Mississippi Police Department, advised that Unit 40 was  
occupied at 10:05 PM, June 21, 1964, by Officer  
RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS. *b7c*

8/22/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] *b7c* :bjm Date dictated 8/22/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 1, 1964

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HAROLD BURNIS HOLLEY, Patrolman, Philadelphia, Mississippi Police Department, was interviewed on July 1, 1964. This interview was conducted in the presence of Mr. HERMAN ALFORD, Attorney for the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, at the request of Patrolman HOLLEY.

At the outset of the interview, Mr. ALFORD, acting in his capacity of city attorney and counsel for Patrolman HOLLEY, advised the patrolman that he did not have to make a statement, that he had the right to consult his counsel before answering any question, and that any statement he made would be voluntary and could be used against him in a court of law.

HOLLEY said that he resided at [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi. He is employed by the Philadelphia Police Department with the rank of patrolman [REDACTED]

HOLLEY continued that on June 21, 1964, [REDACTED]

He did not go on duty until 4:00 PM, being assigned to the 4:00 to midnight shift. [REDACTED]

On 7/1/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # NO 44-2227

by SA [REDACTED] :mem/bjm Date dictated 7/1/64 674

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] continued  
to patrol until about 9:00 PM, June 21, 1964. At that time,  
HOLLEY took over radio duty in the police department headquarters  
and WILLIS continued to patrol in the car by himself from  
9:00 PM to 12:00 midnight.

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Date 7/1/64

WILLIAM D. PERRY, Patrolman, Philadelphia, Mississippi Police Department, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents. Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] PERRY stated he would furnish information only in the presence of Mr. HERMAN ALFORD, City Attorney of Philadelphia. PERRY voluntarily furnished the following information in the presence of Mr. ALFORD.

On 6/29/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # 44-2227  
by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] *b7c* Date dictated 6/29/64

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The activities of the following individuals on June 21, 1964 relating to the arrest, incarceration and release of victims, as reflected by their interviews, is as follows:

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TIME ANALYSIS

EARL R. POE

1:00 p.m.

On duty.

Patrol vicinity of Philadelphia.

3:00 p.m. - ?

Parked Patrol Car on State Highway 16,  
East of Philadelphia.

Observes Victims.

Assists PRICE in arrest.

Transportation of Victims to jail.

Talk with Inspector KING.

Patrol.

Patrol.

Off duty.

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TIME ANALYSIS

HAROLD BURNIS HOLLEY

4:00 p.m.

Went on duty at Philadelphia Police Department.  
[REDACTED]

4:10 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

[REDACTED]

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[REDACTED]

9:00 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight

Takes over Radio duty at Philadelphia Police Department.  
[REDACTED]

12:00 Midnight

[REDACTED]

12:05 a.m.

HOLLEY relieved and goes off duty.

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TIME ANALYSIS

WILLIAM D. PERRY

4:00 p.m.

[REDACTED]

4:10 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

[REDACTED]

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

[REDACTED]

5:00 p.m.

[REDACTED]

TIME ANALYSIS

MINNIE LEE HERRING

[REDACTED]  
PRICE brings in 3 Victims.

6:00 p.m.  
[REDACTED]

6:30 p.m.  
[REDACTED]

7:00 p.m.  
[REDACTED]

8:30 p.m.  
[REDACTED]

10:30 p.m.

Victims released. She and her husband  
present.

11:00 p.m.  
[REDACTED]

11:45 p.m.  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] brought in COWANS and  
DOMINICK.

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Title: BERNARD L. AKIN, ET AL;  
JAMES EARL CHANEY;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, aka  
Mickey; ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS;  
MISPRISION OF FELONY; JUVENILE  
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Prosecutive Summary report of SA [REDACTED] at  
Jackson dated December 19, 1964. *b7c*

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X. COMPENDIUM REGARDING SUBJECTS WHO ARE  
INVOLVED IN OR COGNIZANT OF THE  
ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF CHANEY,  
GOODMAN AND SCHWERNER

b7c IN 44-1  
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BERNARD LEE AKIN,  
Also Known as B. L. Akin

AKIN is a white male. [REDACTED] years old, was born in  
[REDACTED]

He resides at [REDACTED], Meridian, with  
his wife, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/7/641

BERNARD LEE AKIN was arrested at 7:50 AM at 615 Highway 11 South (50th Avenue), Meridian, Mississippi, for violation of Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code.

AKIN was advised by SA [REDACTED] he did not have to make any statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. No threats, promises or duress were used to induce him to make a statement. He was advised he had the right to consult with a lawyer and that if he could not afford to pay for a lawyer to represent him, the U. S. District Judge would appoint a lawyer for him. *b7C*

AKIN admitted his identity and advised his wife to call Attorney [REDACTED] to represent him. *b7C*

AKIN was immediately transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers' Quarters, Room A318, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted and photographed.

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1110  
JN 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] *b7C*  
SA [REDACTED] :bjm Date dictated 12/5/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/8/641

At 12:38 PM, [REDACTED] and THOMAS HENDRICKS, attorneys-at-law, entered Room A318, Bachelor Officers' Quarters, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, and asked to confer with BERNARD LEE AKIN in private. They were advised they would have ample time to confer with their client upon the conclusion of the commissioner's hearing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised his client he had been requested by [REDACTED] to represent AKIN as [REDACTED] practice is entirely civil. He then advised AKIN he had been a district attorney and that he had never known of any subject to talk himself out of trouble and stated he would represent AKIN and make arrangements for bond as long as AKIN followed his instructions explicitly and would not discuss anything with agents of the FBI. Mr. HENDRICKS then advised AKIN that the agents interviewing AKIN were trained in getting confessions, and he should not even answer questions of the agents. Mr. HENDRICKS then requested the names of the agents who were interviewing AKIN. They were given to him.

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On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1110  
by SA [REDACTED] :bjm Date dictated 12/5/64  
SA [REDACTED] *b7C*

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EARL B. AKIN

EARL B. AKIN is a white male, [REDACTED] years old, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7C

AKIN resides at [REDACTED] Mississippi,  
with his wife, [REDACTED] b7C

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 7, 1964

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EARL BERNARD AKIN was arrested by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at 7:44 A.M., December 4, 1964, at the Akin Mobile Homes Lot, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, on the basis of a warrant issued on December 4, 1964, by United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER directing the arrest of AKIN for violation of Title 18, Section 4, United States Code, Misprision of a Felony in connection with the killing of MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, JAMES EARL CHANEY and ANDREW GOODMAN on or about June 21, 1964. AKIN requested to see the warrant and the warrant was exhibited to him at the time of his arrest. AKIN was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he was not required to make any statements, that any statements which he did make could be used against him in a court of law and of his right to an attorney prior to making any statements.

AKIN was transported directly to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was taken to Room A322 of the Bachelors Officers Quarters. He was immediately fingerprinted and photographed. AKIN refused to sign the fingerprint card.

AKIN was asked to empty his pockets and the following articles were noted:

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1. [REDACTED]
  2. [REDACTED]
  3. [REDACTED]
  4. [REDACTED]

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-1052  
Jackson 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and b7c  
SA [REDACTED] amh Date dictated 12/7/64

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5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]
11. [REDACTED]
12. [REDACTED]

AKIN's effects were placed in an envelope and were returned to him at the time he was released on \$3,500 bond. AKIN refused to sign a receipt for the return of his articles stating that he would sign nothing.

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Home Telephone Number:  
Past Residences:

Organizations:

Marital Status:  
Wife:

Children:

Father:

Automobiles:

Weapons:

Medical History:

Arrest Record:

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AKIN appeared before United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER at 2:56 P.M. at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, and admitted his identity through his lawyers. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for him on December 10, 1964 and AKIN was released on \$3,500 bond.

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JIMMY ARLEDGE

ARLEDGE is a [REDACTED] year old white male, born  
in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] employed during the year 1964, as a  
truck driver for the Magnolia Steel Company, Meridian, Mississippi.

ARLEDGE resides at 2718 Vally Street, Meridian, Mississippi,  
with his wife, MARY JANE ARLEDGE [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 5, 1964

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JIMMY (No Middle Name) ARLEDGE, 2718 Vally Street, Meridian, Mississippi, was located at Magnolia Steel Company, 17 17th Street, Meridian, Mississippi, at 7:45 AM, December 4, 1964, ARLEDGE was advised that he was under arrest and he was furnished a copy of the complaint and warrant in order that he might be advised of the exact nature of the charges placed against him. b7C

ARLEDGE was advised of the identity of the arresting Agents. He was specifically informed by SA [REDACTED] that he had the right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement and if he were financially unable to employ an attorney, legal counsel would be appointed for him by the Federal Judge of the Southern District of Mississippi. No threats or promises were made to ARLEDGE to induce him to make any statement, and he was advised that any statement he made could be used against him in court. b7C

ARLEDGE was transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Meridian, Mississippi. [REDACTED]

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi

Jackson 157-1369

File # Jackson 44-1

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

by [REDACTED]

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ARLEDGE was fingerprinted and photographed, and at approximately 2:30 PM he was furnished an appearance before the U. S. Commissioner for the Southern District of Mississippi, at Meridian, Mississippi. His bond was set at \$5,000 and the U. S. Commissioner set December 10, 1964, as a date for a preliminary hearing. Bond was posted for ARLEDGE by [REDACTED] and ARLEDGE was released from custody. b7C

ARLEDGE furnished the following background data:

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Name                                  | JIMMY ARLEDGE   |
| Aliases                               | None  |
| Sex                                   | Male  |
| Race                                  | White   |
| Residence                             | 2718 Vally Street, Meridian, Mississippi                                    |
| Previous Residence                    | [REDACTED]  |
| Date of Birth                         | [REDACTED]  |
| Place of Birth                        | [REDACTED]  |
| Height                                | [REDACTED]  |
| Weight                                | [REDACTED]  |
| Build                                 | [REDACTED]  |
| Hair                                  | [REDACTED]  |
| Eyes                                  | [REDACTED]  |
| Complexion                            | [REDACTED]  |
| Scars and Marks                       | [REDACTED]  |
| Physical Defects                      | [REDACTED]  |
| Occupation                            | Truck driver  |
| Employment                            | Truck driver, Magnolia Steel Company,<br>17th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi |
| Previous Employment                   | [REDACTED]  |
| Sources of Income                     | [REDACTED]  |
| Amount of Yearly Income               | [REDACTED]  |
| Education                             | [REDACTED]  |
| Special Skills (Use of<br>Explosives) | [REDACTED]  |
| Military Service                      | [REDACTED]  |
| Selective Service No.                 | [REDACTED]  |

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DOYLE BARNETTE

DOYLE BARNETTE, white male.

[REDACTED]

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OTHER INTERVIEWS WITH HORACE DOYLE  
BARNETTE ARE INCORPORATED INTO  
SECTION V ENTITLED "WITNESSES TO  
ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF THREE CIVIL  
RIGHTS WORKERS"

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/64

Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] arrested **EMILE DOYLE BARNETTE** at Bossier City, Louisiana, at the Wingarten Store Parking Lot, Airline Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana, at 10:15 AM, to 10:22 AM. He was driven to the Shreveport, Louisiana, Resident Agency, where he remained while arrangements were made to take BARNETTE before the United States Commissioner. At 11:05 AM BARNETTE was advised by Special Agent [redacted] of the identity of Special Agent [redacted] who BARNETTE stated he knew, that BARNETTE did not have to make a statement, any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, of his right to talk to a lawyer of his own choice or anyone else before saying anything at all and that if he could not pay for a lawyer the judge would get one for him.

BARNETTE made no statement and no questions were asked him by Special Agent [redacted] or Special Agent [redacted]. BARNETTE was taken before Mr. **JAMES M. BARTON**, United States Commissioner, Shreveport, Louisiana, leaving the Shreveport Resident Agency at 11:30 AM, and arriving at the office of Mr. BARTON at 11:40 AM.

BARNETTE allowed himself to be photographed at the Shreveport Resident Agency by Special Agent [redacted] from 11:23 AM to 11:28 AM.

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On 12/4/64 at Shreveport, Louisiana File # NO 44-2227

by SA's [redacted] <sup>b7c</sup> Date dictated 12/8/64

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TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE

TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE. white male.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 8, 1964

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TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE was arrested at 8:01 A.M. on December 4, 1964, by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Mississippi, at which time the reason for his arrest was explained to him. BARNETTE was arrested on the basis of a United States Commissioner's warrant, issued by United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER at Meridian, Mississippi, on December 4, 1964. A complaint, signed by SA [REDACTED] before United States Commissioner CARTER on December 4, 1964, charged BARNETTE with violation of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code, in that he had been involved in a conspiracy to threaten, assault, shoot and kill MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, JAMES EARL CHANEY and ANDREW GOODMAN. b7c

After BARNETTE was told the reason for his arrest, he was told by SA [REDACTED] that he need not furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in court and that he had the right to consult an attorney before furnishing any information. He was also told that if he could not afford to hire an attorney, the court or the judge would appoint one for him. b7c

BARNETTE was then transported by Bureau car to Room A316 of the Bachelor Officers Quarters, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was held until he could be taken before United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER on the afternoon of December 4, 1964. At BARNETTE's appearance before United States Commissioner CARTER, the hearing was continued to 10:00 A.M. on December 10, 1964, and BARNETTE was released on \$5,000 temporary appearance bond.

Among the contents of BARNETTE's billfold were noted the following:

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On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c  
SA [REDACTED] amh Date dictated 12/5/64

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The billfold and its entire contents were returned to  
BARNETTE after examination.

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OTHA NEAL BURKES

OTHA NEAL BURKES [REDACTED]

He is currently employed as a patrolman on the Philadelphia, Mississippi Police Department [REDACTED]

BURKES resides at [REDACTED]  
Mississippi, with his wife. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BURKES has been the subject of several civil rights complaints, one that resulted in an indictment by a Federal Grand Jury which convened in September and October, 1964 at Biloxi, Mississippi.

As a result of this indictment, BURKES was arrested on October 3, 1964, for violation of Title 18, Sections 242 and 371, U. S. Code, and was taken before the U. S. Commissioner at Meridian, Mississippi and released on \$1,000 bond. [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 8, 19641

OTHA NEAL BURKES, [REDACTED]  
Mississippi, was arrested at 9:55 A.M., at the parking lot of  
the Neshoba County Hospital, Philadelphia, Mississippi, by  
SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] for violation  
of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code. b7C

BURKES was immediately advised of the identities of  
SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] as Special Agents of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation and was specifically advised by  
SA [REDACTED] that he need not furnish any information but  
that any information he did furnish could be used in a court  
of law. He was told by SA [REDACTED] that he could consult  
with an attorney of his own choice before saying anything and that  
if he could not afford a lawyer the judge would appoint one for  
him. He was advised that no threats, promises of reward, or duress  
would be made to him to make him furnish any information. b7C

BURKES was transported from Philadelphia, Mississippi,  
to the Bachelor Officers Quarters, Naval Auxiliary Air Station,  
Meridian, Mississippi, where he was fingerprinted, photographed and  
interviewed.

On the same date, BURKES was afforded an appearance  
before United States Commissioner Miss ESTHER CARTER, Southern  
District of Mississippi, where he admitted his identity through  
his attorney and was released on \$5,000 bond.

On 12/4/64 at Philadelphia and Meridian,  
Mississippi File # Jackson 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] b7C  
SA [REDACTED] amh Date dictated 12/5/64

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OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE

OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and presently  
resides with his wife, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Mississippi.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 7, 1964

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OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE, [REDACTED]  
Mississippi, was located at [REDACTED]

Mississippi and advised that he was being placed under arrest for violation of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code. b7C

BURRAGE was advised of the identities of the arresting Agents and was subsequently advised by SA [REDACTED] that he had the right to have an attorney prior to making any statement and that if he was unable to employ an attorney, an attorney would be appointed for him. No threats or promises were made to BURRAGE to induce him to make any statement and he was advised that he need not make any statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. b7C

BURRAGE was officially arrested at 8:27 A.M., December 4, 1964, and transported via Highway 16 out of Philadelphia, Mississippi east to DeKalb, Mississippi and south from DeKalb on Highway 39 to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi where he was taken to the Bachelor Officers Quarters on the base.

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b7C, b7D[REDACTED]  
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On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-1119  
Jackson 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7C  
SA [REDACTED] /amb 622 Date dictated 12/5/64

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BURRAGE was taken before the United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, Meridian, Mississippi where he was released on \$5,000 bond.

The following description of OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE was obtained by observation and interview:

|            |                     |
|------------|---------------------|
| Name:      | OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE |
| Aliases:   | Olen Burrage        |
| Sex:       | Male                |
| Race:      | White               |
| Residence: | [REDACTED]          |

Previous Residence: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 7, 1964

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Upon his arrest, OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE removed approximately \$100 in cash and \$75 in checks from his wallet and handed them over to [REDACTED] at the scene of his arrest,

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On 12/4/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 12/5/64  
SA [REDACTED] amh/mtl b7c

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JAMES THOMAS HARRIS,  
Also Known As Pete Harris

JAMES THOMAS HARRIS is a white male, born [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and resides [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with his wife [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 8, 1964

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JAMES THOMAS HARRIS was arrested at 8:26 A.M., December 4, 1964, by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. HARRIS was advised that he was being placed under arrest for violation of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code. HARRIS was given the customary "wall search" of his person and his possessions were turned over to SA [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]. HARRIS was promptly advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was also informed he had the right to talk to an attorney of his own choice before saying anything and that if he was unable to pay for an attorney, the judge would get one for him. *b7c*

HARRIS was then taken to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, where immediately on arrival at 9:10 A.M., he was again advised of his rights by SA [REDACTED] in a manner as stated above. *b7c*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*b7c*  
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On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-1113  
Jackson 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] *b7c* Date dictated 12/7/64

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Mother:

Brother:

Automobile:

Weapons:

Associates:

Special Abilities:

All of the items that HARRIS had on his person at the time of his arrest were confiscated by the arresting Agents. The items included various sundry articles of a nonevidentiary nature such as pens, receipts from Hardins Bakery, a penknife, nail clippers, pictures, etc. In addition, the following items were found on HARRIS's person:

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FRANK J. HERNDON

FRANK J. HERNDON, white male, [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date December 5, 1964

FRANK JAMES HERNDON was arrested at his residence, [REDACTED] Mississippi, at 7:05 AM. HERNDON was awakened and upon the display of Commission Cards and a warrant, HERNDON admitted Agents into his trailer whereupon he was placed under arrest and was advised by SA [REDACTED] of the charge against him and advised that he did not have to make a statement, any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he could consult an attorney before making any statement. He was advised that if he did not have funds to employ an attorney the court or judge would appoint an attorney for him. No threats or promises were made to HERNDON. b7C

HERNDON was dressed under supervision of Agents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There were no other persons present.

[REDACTED] HERNDON [REDACTED] transported by Bureau automobile to [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] received and took into custody [REDACTED] in accordance with the wishes of FRANK HERNDON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all b7C

HERNDON was then transported to Room 319 of the Bachelor Officers Quarters at the Meridian, Mississippi Naval Air Station for fingerprinting, photographing, and presentment before the U. S. Commissioner.

At 12:45 PM, HERNDON was visited at Room 319, Bachelor Officers Quarters, Naval Air Station, by attorneys MIKE WATKINS and DENNIS GOLDMAN of Meridian, Mississippi, who advised that they represented FRANK JAMES HERNDON and advised HERNDON not to sign or make any statements.

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Jackson 44-1

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File #

SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mcl b7C  
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Attorney WATKINS asked HERNDON if he had been treated well or had any complaints. HERNDON stated to attorney WATKINS that he had been treated well and had no complaints, whereupon the attorneys left.

HERNDON appeared before U. S. Commissioner Miss ESTHER CARTER at approximately 3:59 PM at the Bachelor Officers Quarters of the Meridian Naval Air Station and was released at that time by the U. S. Commissioner on \$5,000 temporary bond with hearing set for December 10, 1964.

HERNDON was represented by attorneys MIKE WATKINS and DENNIS GOLDMAN of Meridian before U. S. Commissioner CARTER when he was released on bond.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 5, 1964

1

FRANK JAMES HERNDON upon being arrested at approximately 7 05 AM, at Meridian, Mississippi, was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make a statement, any statement that he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he could consult an attorney before making any statement, and that if he did not have funds to employ an attorney, the court or judge would appoint an attorney for him. No threats or promises were made to him. HERNDON was transported to Room 319 of the Bachelor Officers Quarters at the Meridian Naval Air Station for fingerprinting, photographing, and presentment before the U. S. Commissioner. b7C

The complaint and warrant were read verbatim to HERNDON [REDACTED]

b7C, b7D

An examination of the wallet of FRANK HERNDON reflected that he had \$201 in currency in his wallet, consisting of one \$100 bill, Serial No. F03770346A, Series 1950-C, a Federal Reserve Note of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, and a separate packet containing nine \$10 bills; one \$5 bill; and three \$1 bills, for a total of \$98, and in another separate packet, three \$1 bills.

His wallet contained papers and cards as follows:

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TOMMY A. HORNE

TOMMY A. HORNE, white male, born [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] resides with his wife, [REDACTED] at  
[REDACTED] Mississippi.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date December 8, 1964

On December 4, 1964, at about 5:20 PM, at [REDACTED] TOMMY ARTHUR HORNE was apprehended on charges of violation of Title 18, Section 4, U. S. Code. He was immediately brought to the Meridian Office of the FBI. *b7c*

HORNE was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, and was informed by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make a statement, that he could consult with an attorney before making a statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that if he could not afford an attorney, the court would appoint an attorney to represent him. He was advised to remove the contents of his pockets, which consisted of cigarettes, money, a handkerchief and keys for his automobile or truck. *b7c*

On December 4, 1964, at 7:45 PM TOMMY A. HORNE was taken to the U. S. Commissioner's Office, Post Office Building, Meridian, where he appeared before ESTHER CARTER, U. S. Commissioner, who advised him of his right to an attorney and that he was charged with violation of Title 18, Section 4, U. S. Code. HORNE was represented by [REDACTED] attorneys at law. HORNE was released on a \$3,500 property bond and is to appear on December 10, 1964, at 10 AM for a preliminary hearing before the U. S. Commissioner. *b7c*

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-1112  
Jackson 44-1  
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mtl *b7c* Date dictated 12/7/64

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN

JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, white male, born [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

b7C

PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS WITH JAMES EDWARD  
JORDAN ARE INCORPORATED IN SECTION V  
ENTITLED "WITNESSES TO THE ABDUCTION AND  
MURDER OF THE THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS"

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 8, 1964

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN was arrested at 8:11 A.M. on December 4, 1964, at [REDACTED] Gulfport, Mississippi. He was transported to the Gulfport Resident Agency where he was advised that he did not have to make a statement and that any statement he may make could be used against him in a court of law. He was further advised that no threats or promises would be made to him to induce him to make a statement. He was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he had the right to talk with a lawyer of his choice, or anyone else, before saying anything at all and that if he could not pay for a lawyer the judge would get one for him. b7C

JORDAN advised that he had nothing to say at this time and he had instructed his wife, at the time of his arrest, to contact his attorney, [REDACTED]. He was taken to the Harrison County Jail at Gulfport. b7C

The following description and background information was obtained by observation and information furnished by the subject:

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Name:           | JAMES EDWARD JORDAN |
| Also Known As:  | [REDACTED]          |
| Age:            | [REDACTED]          |
| Date of Birth:  | [REDACTED]          |
| Place of Birth: | [REDACTED]          |
| Color:          | White               |
| Sex:            | Male                |
| Height:         | [REDACTED]          |
| Weight:         | [REDACTED]          |
| Build:          | [REDACTED]          |
| Hair:           | [REDACTED]          |
| Eyes:           | [REDACTED]          |
| Marital Status: | [REDACTED]          |
| Relatives:      | [REDACTED]          |
| Wife:           | [REDACTED]          |

On 12/4/64 at Gulfport, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-1105  
Jackson 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7C  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

December 8, 1964

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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EDGAR RAY KILLEN was arrested by Special Agents [REDACTED] at 9:04 AM at House, Mississippi, for violation of Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code. b7C

KILLEN was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to the services of an attorney prior to making any statement. He was advised that if he could not afford to pay for a lawyer to represent him the court would appoint a lawyer for him. b7C

KILLEN admitted his identity and was immediately transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers Quarters, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted, and photographed.

On December 4, 1964, KILLEN was taken before ESTHER CARTER, U. S. Commissioner, Meridian, Mississippi, who afforded him a hearing and released him under \$5,000 bond.

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-1387  
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BILLY WAYNE POSEY

BILLY WAYNE POSEY is a white male, born [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] resides in Philadelphia, Mississippi with his wife, [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/9/641

BILLY WAYNE POSEY was arrested at Cliff's Cafe, Williamsville, Mississippi, on December 4, 1964, for violation of Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code.

POSEY was advised by SA [REDACTED] he did not have to make any statement, any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to the services of an attorney before making any statement. He was advised if he could not afford to pay for a lawyer to represent him, the court would appoint a lawyer for him. *b7C*

POSEY admitted his identity and was immediately transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers' Quarters, Meridian, Mississippi.

He was taken before U. S. Commissioner ESTHER CARTER who released him under \$5,000 bond after setting preliminary hearing for December 10, 1964.

On 12/4/64 at Williamsville, Mississippi File # JN 157-1544  
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by SA [REDACTED] *b7C*  
SA [REDACTED] *bjm* Date dictated 12/9/64

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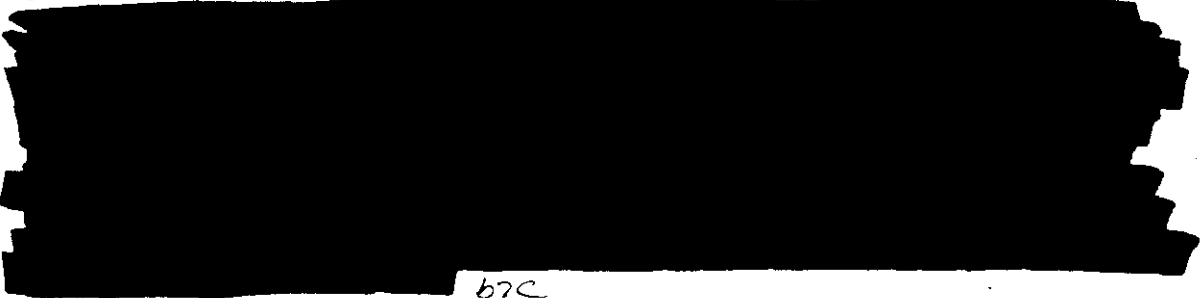
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CECIL RAY PRICE

PRICE is a Deputy Sheriff currently employed by Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY, Neshoba County, Mississippi. He has served as a Deputy Sheriff since January of 1964.



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Since his tenure in the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, PRICE has been the subject of numerous civil rights complaints, two that resulted in indictments by Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi which convened in September and October, 1964.

PRICE was arrested on October 3, 1964, in violation of Title 18, Section 242 and Section 371, United States Code, taken before United States Commissioner and released on \$2,000 bond. PRICE declined to make any statement at that time.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 6, 1964

1

CECIL RAY PRICE, Deputy Sheriff, Neshoba County, was located at the Sheriff's Office, Neshoba County Courthouse, and advised that he was being placed under arrest for violation of Title 18, Sections 242 and 371, United States Code.

PRICE was advised of the identities of the arresting Agents and he was specifically advised by SA [REDACTED] that he had the right to have an attorney prior to making any statement, and that if he were financially unable to employ an attorney, an attorney would be appointed for him by the Federal Judge of the Southern District of Mississippi, upon his request. No threats or promises were made to PRICE to induce him to make any statement, and he was advised that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. b7C

PRICE stated that he did not care to make any statement.

PRICE was transported from Philadelphia, Mississippi, to Meridian, Mississippi. On the same date he appeared before the United States Commissioner, ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, where he was released on \$2,000 bond.

The following is descriptive and background data concerning CECIL RAY PRICE as obtained through observation and interview:

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Name                | CECIL RAY PRICE |
| Sex                 | Male            |
| Race                | White           |
| Age                 | [REDACTED]      |
| Date of Birth       | [REDACTED]      |
| Place of Birth      | [REDACTED]      |
| Residence           | [REDACTED]      |
| Length of Residence | [REDACTED]      |
| Height              | [REDACTED]      |
| Weight              | [REDACTED]      |

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by SA [REDACTED] esp b7C Date dictated 10/5/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 6, 19641

On October 3, 1964, at 1:13 P.M., CECIL RAY PRICE, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS, NEAL OTHA BURKES, and ETHEL GLEN BARNETT appeared at a Commissioner's hearing in the office of the United States Commissioner, Miss ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi. United States Commissioner CARTER set bond of \$2,000 each on RAINEY and PRICE and set bond of \$1,000 each on BURKES, WILLIS, and BARNETT. The hearing was concluded at 1:19 P.M., October 3, 1964, following which time all five subjects posted bond and were released.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 8, 1964

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CECIL RAY PRICE, Deputy Sheriff, Neshoba County, was located at the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Neshoba County Courthouse, Philadelphia, Mississippi. He was advised of the identities of the arresting Agents and placed under arrest at 8:55 AM. Present at the time of the arrest were the following attorneys who advised they were representing PRICE and also Sheriff LAWRENCE A. RAINEY, who was simultaneously placed under arrest by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7C

Attorney CLAYTON LEWIS

Attorney HERMAN ALFORD

[REDACTED] b7C  
Deputy Sheriff PRICE and attorney HERMAN ALFORD were both shown a copy of the warrant and complaint at their request. Attorney ALFORD asked if there was a copy of the warrant and complaint available for him and he was advised that the Agents did not have a copy for him, but these documents were public records available to him through usual channels.

PRICE was advised that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law.

PRICE was escorted out of the Sheriff's Office and then out of the Neshoba County Courthouse by the exit on the east side of the Courthouse which opens on Center Avenue. He was walked across the street to the Bureau car which was parked on Center Avenue and he was then placed in this automobile and driven to the Meridian Naval Air Station via Routes 16 and 39.

PRICE was not questioned concerning the charges in the warrant and complaint during his arrest and transportation to the Meridian Naval Air Station.

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-1108  
Jackson 44-1  
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mtl b7C  
Date dictated 12/5/64

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Upon arrival at the Meridian Naval Air Station, PRICE was escorted to Room A314 and again advised that he was not required to make any statement, and that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to PRICE.

PRICE was asked if one of the three attorneys present at his arrest was his specific lawyer or if he was represented by all of them, and he advised that HERMAN ALFORD, who was the City Attorney for Philadelphia, Mississippi, was his main lawyer.

PRICE stated he did not care to make any statement and did not care to either affirm or deny any of the charges named in the warrant or complaint. He was afforded another opportunity to read the warrant and complaint but did not have any statement to make concerning the charges in these documents.

PRICE was asked if he had any objection to furnishing identifying and background information concerning himself, and he voluntarily furnished the following information:

Name CECIL RAY PRICE

Aliases

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Sex

Male

Race

White

Height

Weight

Build

Eyes

Hair

Scars and

Marks

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PRICE was asked to empty his pockets and billfold and the following items in his possession were noted:

\$403 in paper currency in the following denominations

1 - \$100 bill  
13 - \$20 bills  
2 - \$10 bills  
3 - \$5 bills  
8 - \$1 bills

In addition, PRICE had some miscellaneous coins.

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At 12:37 PM a group of four attorneys came to Room A314 for a short visit with PRICE by pre-arrangement, at which time Attorney HERMAN ALFORD asked if the Agents would leave the room and allow him a private conference with his client. This request was denied, and at this time attorney ALFORD again advised PRICE of his rights and instructed him not to make any statement unless he was present. This visit was terminated at 12:40 PM, and the group of lawyers consisted of CLAYTON LEWIS, HERMAN ALFORD, [REDACTED] who had all been present at the arrest of PRICE, and who had now been joined by attorney LAUREL WEIR, also of Philadelphia. b7C

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINNEY

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINNEY was elected to a four-year term as Sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, which he began serving on January 6, 1964. He had prior law enforcement experience as a deputy sheriff from October, 1960, until March, 1963, under former Neshoba County Sheriff ETHEL GLEN "HOP" BARNETT. [REDACTED]

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RAINNEY resides with his wife at [REDACTED]  
Philadelphia, Mississippi. [REDACTED]

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Since his tenure as Sheriff of Neshoba County, RAINNEY has been the subject of numerous civil rights complaints, two that resulted in indictments by a Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi, which convened in September and October, 1964.

As a result of these indictments, RAINNEY was arrested on October 3, 1964, for violation of Title 18, Section 242 and Section 371, U. S. Code, and was taken before the U. S. Commissioner at Meridian, Mississippi, and released on \$2,000 bond. RAINNEY declined to make any statement at that time.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 6, 1964

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LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINNEY, Sheriff, Neshoba County, Mississippi, was located and apprehended at the Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia, Mississippi. He was advised that he was being arrested for violation of Title 18, Sections 242 and 371, United States Code.

RAINEY was advised of the identities of the arresting Agents. He was advised by SA [REDACTED] of his right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. SA [REDACTED] also advised RAINNEY that if he were financially unable to employ an attorney, that an attorney would be appointed for him by the Federal Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, upon his request. *b7C*

RAINEY advised he did not wish to make a statement and no threats, promises, or duress were used to induce him to furnish a statement.

RAINEY was transported to the United States Post Office, Meridian, Mississippi, where he appeared before United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, where he was released on \$2,000 bond.

Set forth below is a description of RAINNEY as obtained from observation and interview:

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Name           | LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINNEY |
| Sex            | Male                    |
| Race           | White                   |
| Age            | [REDACTED]              |
| Date of Birth  | [REDACTED]              |
| Place of Birth | [REDACTED]              |
| Residence      | [REDACTED]              |
| Height         | [REDACTED]              |
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| Build          | [REDACTED]              |
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/8/64

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At approximately 8:55 AM, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, Sheriff, Neshoba County, Mississippi, was located in his office at the Neshoba County Courthouse and was immediately apprised of the identities of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as Special Agents of the FBI and was promptly informed by SA [REDACTED] that the agents had a warrant for his arrest charging Sheriff RAINEY with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, for complicity in the murders of ANDREW GOODMAN, JAMES EARL CHANEY and MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER. He was further advised by SA [REDACTED] that he need make no statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult with an attorney before making any statement. *b7c*

Upon request, Sheriff RAINEY was shown a copy of the warrant of arrest signed by U. S. Commissioner ESTHER CARTER. The man who introduced himself as HERMAN ALFORD, attorney for Sheriff RAINEY, requested a copy of the warrant which was refused.

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY was immediately transported to the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, Bachelor Officers' Quarters, Room A315, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted and photographed.

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ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, also known as WAYNE ROBERTS



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/8/64

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ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS was arrested at 8:15 AM at [REDACTED] Mississippi, for violation of Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code. b7C

ROBERTS was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make any statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. No threats, promises or duress were used to induce him to make a statement. He was advised that he had the right to consult with a lawyer and that if he could not afford to pay for a lawyer to represent him, the U. S. District Judge would appoint a lawyer for him. b7C

ROBERTS was transported directly to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers' Quarters, third floor, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted and photographed.

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On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1106  
by SA [REDACTED] & SA [REDACTED] bjm b7C Date dictated 12/5/64

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[REDACTED] ROBERTS also refused  
to sign the fingerprint card when he was fingerprinted. b7c, b7D

The following is a physical description as  
obtained through interview and observation:

|                    |                     |
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| Name               | ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS |
| Date of birth      | [REDACTED]          |
| Place of birth     | [REDACTED]          |
| Sex                | Male                |
| Race               | White               |
| Height             | [REDACTED]          |
| Weight             | [REDACTED]          |
| Build              | [REDACTED]          |
| Eyes               | [REDACTED]          |
| Hair               | [REDACTED]          |
| Scars and marks    | [REDACTED]          |
| Social Security #  | [REDACTED]          |
| Employment         | [REDACTED]          |
| Business telephone | [REDACTED]          |
| Past employment    | [REDACTED]          |
| Education          | [REDACTED]          |
| Military service   | [REDACTED]          |
| Residence          | [REDACTED]          |
| Home telephone     | [REDACTED]          |
| Past residence     | [REDACTED]          |
| Organizations      | [REDACTED]          |

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JERRY MC GREW SHARPE

SHARPE is a [REDACTED] year old white male

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 19641

JERRY MC GREW SHARPE was arrested by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at his residence in Philadelphia, Mississippi at 8:15 A.M., for violation of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code. *b7c*

SHARPE was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult with an attorney prior to making any statement. He was advised that if he could not afford the services of an attorney, the court would appoint a lawyer for him. *b7c*

SHARPE was immediately transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers Quarters, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted, and photographed.

On December 4, 1964, SHARPE was afforded a hearing before ESTHER CARTER, United States Commissioner, Meridian, Mississippi, and was released on \$5,000 bond.

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-1870  
Jackson 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] *b7c* Date dictated 12/7/64

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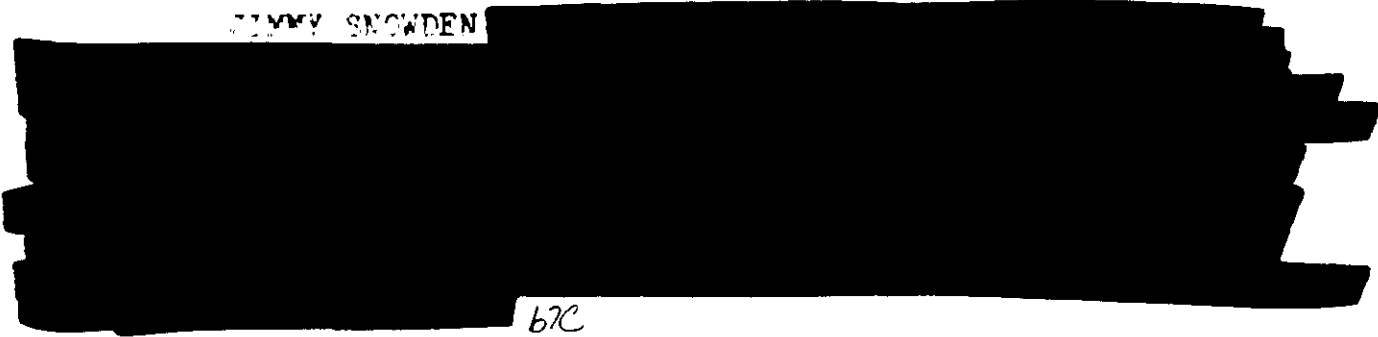
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JIMMY SNOWDEN

JIMMY SNOWDEN



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/9/641

JIMMIE SNOWDEN, [REDACTED] Mississippi, was arrested at the place of his employment at 7:40 AM, December 4, 1964. SNOWDEN was advised of the identities of the arresting agents and advised he was being arrested for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241. He was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, that he had the right to the services of an attorney prior to making any statement and that if he was unable to afford the services of an attorney, he would be provided one by a court of law. SNOWDEN advised he had previously secured counsel. b7C

SNOWDEN was afforded a search of his person and nothing of an evidentiary nature or weapons was found. He declined to execute a waiver for the search of his residence at [REDACTED] Mississippi. b7C

SNOWDEN was immediately transported to Naval Air Station, Meridian, where he was photographed, fingerprinted and afforded an interview.

SNOWDEN appeared before U. S. Commissioner Miss ESTHER CARTER at which time a preliminary hearing was scheduled for December 10, 1964 at Meridian, Mississippi. SNOWDEN was freed upon posting a \$5,000 bond for his appearance on December 10, 1964. SNOWDEN was represented by counsel at above-mentioned arraignment.

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1353  
by SA [REDACTED] & SA [REDACTED] :bjm b7C Date dictated 12/5/64

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JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND

JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND, white male, age [REDACTED] resides in

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 5, 19641

JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND of [REDACTED] Mississippi, was arrested at his place of employment, [REDACTED] Williamsville, Mississippi, at 8:18 A.M., December 4, 1964. At the time of his arrest, he was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult counsel prior to making any statements. He was further advised that if he was unable to obtain counsel the judge would appoint one for him. b7c

TOWNSEND was transported from Williamsville, Mississippi, to the Bachelors Officers Quarters, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, where he was photographed, fingerprinted and interviewed.

He was afforded an appearance before United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER at the Naval Air Station at which time TOWNSEND's identity was admitted through his attorney. A preliminary hearing was set for December 10, 1964, and TOWNSEND was released on a \$5,000 bond.

On 12/4/64 at Williamsville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-2104  
Jackson 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c  
SA [REDACTED] /amh 760 Date dictated 12/5/64 789

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HERMAN TUCKER

Herman TUCKER, white male, born



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 19641

HERMAN TUCKER was arrested by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at 9:02 A.M. at his home, [REDACTED] Mississippi, for violation of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code. b7C

TUCKER was advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult with an attorney prior to making a statement. He was advised that if he could not afford a lawyer to represent him, the court would appoint a lawyer for him. b7C

TUCKER was immediately transported to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Bachelor Officers Quarters at Meridian, Mississippi, where he was interviewed, fingerprinted and photographed.

TUCKER was afforded a hearing before ESTHER CARTER, United States Commissioner, and was released under \$5,000 bond.

On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-1870  
Jackson 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7C  
SA [REDACTED] amh Date dictated 12/6/64

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OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR.

WARNER, a white male, was born

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 5, 1964

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OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR., [REDACTED]  
Mississippi, was located at his residence and advised that he was  
being placed under arrest for violation of Title 18, Section  
241, United States Code. b7C

WARNER was advised of the identities of the arresting  
Agents and was specifically advised by SA [REDACTED]  
that he had the right to have an attorney prior to making any  
statement and that if he was unable to employ an attorney  
an attorney would be appointed for him. No threats or  
promises were made to WARNER to induce him to make any  
statement and he was advised that he need not make any  
statement and that any statement he did make could be used  
against him in a court of law. b7C

WARNER was transported to the Bachelor Officers  
Quarters at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi.

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On 12/4/64 at Meridian, Mississippi

Jackson 157-1220  
File # Jackson 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and b7C  
SA [REDACTED] amh 776

Date dictated 12/5/64

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WARNER was taken before the United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER, Southern District of Mississippi, where he was released on \$5,000 bond.

The following description of OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR., was obtained by observation and interview:

Name: OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR.  
Also Known As: [REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED]

Past Residence: [REDACTED]

Race: white  
Sex: Male  
Born: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Complexion: [REDACTED]

Eyes: [REDACTED]

Scars and Marks: [REDACTED]

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Title: BERNARD L. AKIN, ET AL;  
JAMES EARL CHANEY;  
MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, aka  
Mickey; ANDREW GOODMAN - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS;  
MISPRISION OF FELONY; JUVENILE  
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Prosecutive Summary report of SA [REDACTED] at  
Jackson dated December 19, 1964. b7c

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XI. INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECTS'  
ACTIVITIES ON JUNE 21 AND 22, 1964  
AND ALIBI INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECTS

BERNARD L. AKIN

It is noted that JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, in his signed statement concerning the murder and burial of the civil rights workers, stated that the individuals who came from Neshoba County to recruit citizens of Lauderdale County to participate in the action against SCHWERNER, CHANEY and GOODMAN met at Akin's Mobile Homes and that BERNARD L. AKIN was there though he did not participate in the actual murders. He did have knowledge of the planning.

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE in his signed statement

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In view of the above, it appears there is no conflict in AKIN's statement and information furnished by the two witnesses, and no further investigation is felt warranted along this line.

EARL BERNARD AKIN

EARL BERNARD AKIN is charged with withholding information concerning the murder of the three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Mississippi, on June 21, 1964. JAMES E. JORDAN, who has admitted participation in this murder, stated [REDACTED]

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AKIN has been contacted on several occasions and questioned as to any information which he had concerning the murders, however, he steadfastly denies any knowledge concerning the murders other than that gained through reading the newspapers.

JIMMY ARLEDGE

With regard to the activities of JIMMY ARLEDGE on the night of June 21, 1964, the following information was furnished by JAMES E. JORDAN:

ARLEDGE was among the individuals who met at the rear of Akin's Mobile Homes at Meridian, Mississippi, and he accompanied DOYLE BARNETTE, TRAVIS BARNETTE, JIMMIE SNOWDEN and JAMES JORDAN on the trip from Meridian, Mississippi, to Philadelphia, Mississippi, in DOYLE BARNETTE's car. ARLEDGE was in the car at the time the group awaited the release of the civil rights workers from the jail at Philadelphia and he accompanied this group to the point where the civil rights workers car was stopped by Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE. After the civil rights workers were removed from their car, ARLEDGE drove their station wagon to the scene of their murder.

[REDACTED] ARLEDGE was at this scene, but JORDAN did not describe ARLEDGE's activities during the remaining portion of the night. b7C, b7D

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE furnished the following information with regard to the activities of JIMMY ARLEDGE on the night of June 21, 1964:

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE has admitted his participation in the crime and signed a written statement implicating himself in the murder of the three civil rights workers on June 21, 1964. He has presented no alibi.

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED], states DOYLE BARNETTE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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of his attorney. [REDACTED] b7C

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[REDACTED]

BARNETTE again declined to say where he had been on the night of June 21, 1964. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE

BURRAGE offered no alibi for the night of June 21, 1964, other than being at home.

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE in his signed statement, 'stated

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JAMES E. JORDAN stated that on the night of June 21, 1964, he picked up WAYNE ROBERTS at BURRAGE's garage following the murders, prior to returning to Meridian, Mississippi.

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OTHA NEAL BURKES

With regard to the activities of OTHA NEAL BURKES on the night of June 21, 1964, the following information was furnished by JAMES EDWARD JORDAN:

JORDAN identified a photograph of OTHA NEAL BURKES, Philadelphia, Mississippi Policeman, as being identical with the officer who notified the group of Meridian men, who were waiting near the Neshoba County Jail, that the civil rights workers who were confined to the jail were leaving the Philadelphia area on Highway 19. He also said that BURKES was identical with the policeman who was with CECIL RAY PRICE, Neshoba County Deputy Sheriff, and who stopped the Meridian group in Philadelphia, Mississippi [REDACTED] after the burial of the three murdered civil rights workers. JORDAN stated there was a third person in the Philadelphia, Mississippi Police Department automobile and that he is unable to identify this person [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN stated the occupants of DOYLE BARNETTE's car, when stopped by the Philadelphia Police Department automobile in Philadelphia, did not get out and that BILLY POSEY was the only person who went over and talked to PRICE and BURKES who were in this Police Department automobile. b7C, b7D

It is noted that in the signed statement of HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, he stated [REDACTED]  
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HARRIS identified by JAMES JORDAN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Trailer Court, the night

transmission for the job.

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FRANK JAMES HERNDON

On June 21, 1964, FRANK JAMES HERNDON was reported as employed [REDACTED]

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On June 21, 1964, EDGAR RAY KILLEN and others came to the Longhorn Drive-In from Philadelphia, Mississippi and advised FRANK J. HERNDON of the fact that CHANEY, SCHWERNER and GOODMAN were then in jail at Philadelphia, Mississippi. At this time, HERNDON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then participated in making plans as well as selecting and obtaining individuals from Meridian, Mississippi to proceed to Philadelphia to participate in the assault and later murder of these individuals. HERNDON did not leave the Longhorn Drive-In. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

HERNDON has refused to discuss and denies any knowledge concerning this matter, declining to say where he was on June 21, 1964.

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[REDACTED] recalled FRANK HERNDON and PETE HARRIS being at the Longhorn Drive-In on June 21, 1964. b7C, b7D

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TOMMY ARTHUR HORNE

TOMMY ARTHUR HORNE was charged with having knowledge of the murder of the three civil rights workers on June 21, 1964, and not with participation in the actual crime. He has refused to talk about the facts that are within his knowledge.

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE reported in his statement



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HORNE would not present any alibi.

JAMES EDWARD JORDAN

It is noted that HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, in his signed statement, stated that JAMES EDWARD JORDAN took an active part in the murders of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County on June 21, 1964.

On November 5, 1964, JAMES EDWARD JORDAN furnished a signed statement regarding the details of the murder of the civil rights workers during which he implicated himself as well as a number of other individuals.

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EDGAR RAY KILLEN

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] does not remember seeing EDGAR RAY KILLEN at the funeral home.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] does not remember seeing EDGAR RAY KILLEN at the funeral home.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was at the funeral home [REDACTED] June 21, 1964, [REDACTED] KILLEN was there [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] remember seeing EDGAR RAY KILLEN at the funeral home but cannot remember exactly when.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] does not remember seeing EDGAR RAY KILLEN there at any time.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] EDGAR RAY KILLEN was there [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

knows EARL RAY KILLIAN and that he does not remember seeing KILLIAN at the funeral home. He added that he does not believe that EARL RAY KILLIAN was there since he believed that he would have remembered if he had seen him. b7C, b7D

On 12/16/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-1  
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FRANK LAY KILLEN at the funeral home

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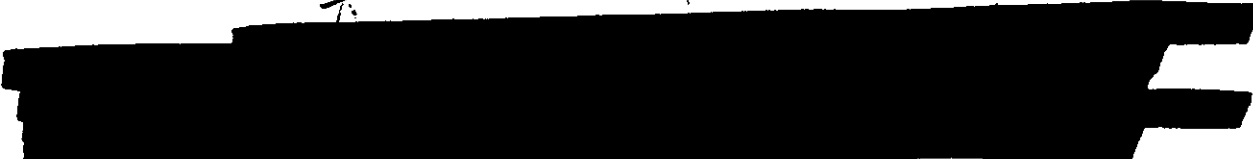


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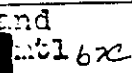
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EDGAR RAY KELLEN was at the funeral home off and  
on during the period he was there   


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[REDACTED] does know EDGAR  
RAY KILLEN and that he does not remember seeing Mr. KILLEN at  
the funeral home [REDACTED] from about  
9:30 to about 10:15 PM. b7C, b7D

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KILLEN was at the funeral home

EDGAR RAY

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[REDACTED] does know EDGAR  
RAY KILLLEN and added that he does not remember seeing EDGAR RAY  
KILLLEN at the funeral home.

[REDACTED] if EDGAR RAY KILLLEN  
had been at the funeral home when he was there he would have  
remembered seeing EDGAR RAY KILLLEN.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] does not remember ever  
going by the funeral home [REDACTED]  
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BILLY WAYNE POSEY

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, in a signed statement furnished on November 20, 1964, advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

JAMES E. JORDAN, in a signed statement furnished on November 20, 1964, advised that he first saw BILLY POSEY on Highway 19 South of Philadelphia, Mississippi, on the night of June 21, 1964, in a 1955 or 1956 red and white Chevrolet along with SHARPE, WAYNE ROBERTS and another young man believed to be TOWNSEND. POSEY was driving the red and white Chevrolet which pulled alongside a patrol car outside of Philadelphia. Deputy Sheriff PRICE drove up and joined the

group and BILLY POSEY and he had a short conversation. POSEY then indicated that all cars should follow him and he drove away southward on Highway 19. [REDACTED] POSEY had carburetor trouble and his car pulled off the road. After pursuing and capturing the civil rights workers, they returned to POSEY's parked vehicle [REDACTED]

POSEY [REDACTED] got into the 1963 Ford station wagon owned by the civil rights workers after the bodies had been loaded into it. POSEY said "Everyone follow me, [REDACTED] POSEY led the way over back roads to a dam alongside of which he parked the station wagon. [REDACTED]

Upon their arrival at the dam POSEY got out of the station wagon and said, [REDACTED] "someone go and get the operator."

JORDAN then left the dam site to stand watch at the gate and later heard a tractor running for about 15 minutes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] asked if the station wagon was [REDACTED] POSEY replied "No, HERMAN will take it to Alabama where it will be burned."

DOYLE then came by and picked up JORDAN and POSEY in his car and they all drove to the garage of OLEN BURRAGE. [REDACTED] got into DOYLE's car [REDACTED] and drove down the main street of Philadelphia where they encountered a police vehicle. POSEY got out, conversed with

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one of the officers and then got back in. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Following his arrest, BILLY WAYNE POSEY was taken to the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, and questioned regarding his participation in the murders. POSEY denied any knowledge or involvement and stated he could not recall where he was or what he was doing on the night of June 21, 1964.

[REDACTED]

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CECIL RAY PRICE

[REDACTED] PRICE arrested CHANEY, GOODMAN and SCHWERNER sometime prior to 4:00 P.M. on June 21, 1964, and released them at approximately 10:20 P.M., June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] followed them on Highway 16, trailing them to Philadelphia, Mississippi, clocked them speeding within the Philadelphia City Limit going between 65 and 70 miles an hour in a 30 mile speed limit, came upon them where their automobile had a flat tire, awaited them to change the flat tire and took them to the Neshoba County Jail with the assistance of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolmen EARL ROBERT POE and HARRY J. WIGGS. They were incarcerated with CHANEY being charged with speeding and GOODMAN and SCHWERNER being held for investigation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Several individuals including [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Philadelphia, Mississippi, and Patrolman POE and Patrolman WIGGS all observed victims in subject's custody at approximately 3:30 to 4:00 P.M., June 21, 1964. WIGGS and POE assisted PRICE in transporting the victims to the jail.

Records of the Neshoba County Jail reflect that the three victims were jailed and released on June 21, 1964, without times being indicated. Mrs. MINNIE HERRING, wife of Neshoba County Jailer, states that the victims were brought to jail at approximately 5:00 P.M. and released about 10:30 P.M.

[REDACTED] the victims were in jail at 5:30 or 6:00 P.M. [REDACTED] and were gone at 11:00 P.M. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled observing PRICE with the victims at about 3:30 P.M. on Main Street and victims were not observed at the Neshoba County Jail at 11:45 P.M., June 21, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were arrested upon a complaint by [REDACTED] arrest as being no earlier than 10:30 P.M., June 21, 1964, [REDACTED] the victims were not in jail [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all state that they saw victim CHANEY in the Neshoba County Jail on June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] CHANEY was in jail from approximately 5:00 until 10:00 P.M. [REDACTED] they were still in jail [REDACTED] 6:30 or 7:00 P.M., June 21, 1964. [REDACTED] they were in jail until about 10:00 P.M.

[REDACTED]

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HAROLD BURNIS HOLLY, Patrolman, Philadelphia Police Department, advised he worked the 4:00 P.M. to 12 midnight shift, June 21, 1964. He arrived at the Police Station between 4 and 4:05 P.M. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 9:00 P.M. and then went to headquarters and operated the radio until midnight. [REDACTED]

WILLIAM D. PERRY, Patrolman, Philadelphia, Police Department, advised [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Patrolman POE stated that BILLY WAYNE POSEY came to him and WIGGS while they were parked at Pilgrims Store at a time calculated from Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol radio logs to be 10:22 to 10:24 P.M., June 21, 1964, and asked if they had seen PRICE.

[REDACTED]

JAMES E. JORDAN in a signed statement stated that at about 6:30 P.M., June 21, 1964, he was at the Longhorn Drive-In, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, with others when EDGAR RAY KILLEN of Philadelphia, Mississippi, came to the Longhorn Cafe and stated that they had three civil rights workers in jail in Philadelphia. JORDAN stated that he with others went to Philadelphia, Mississippi, placed themselves in a position to observe the Neshoba County Jail and when the three civil rights workers were released from the jail they followed Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE who stopped the individuals at an area now believed to be 16 miles from Philadelphia on Highway 492 between House and Union, Mississippi, loaded them in his car, returned to Highway 19, drove north a short distance and pulled off a side road to the left or west from Highway 19 where the three civil rights workers were killed.

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE in a signed statement stated

[REDACTED]

It is noted that it would appear that the civil rights workers were released from the Neshoba County Jail sometime around 10:30 P.M., June 21, 1964, as according to information furnished by Patrolman POE [REDACTED] that BILLY WAYNE POSEY was looking for PRICE before 10:22 and 10:24 P.M., which was the time logged by the Highway Patrol Dispatcher that two calls were made from their car. It appears that PRICE then proceeded to follow the civil rights workers approximately 16 miles from Philadelphia where they were stopped, loaded into his car. He then returned to the point where they were killed off of Highway 19 about 100 yards. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRICE would have traveled a total distance not exceeding 33 miles which would have made it possible for him to have left Philadelphia at about 10:20 P.M. and return by approximately 11:30 P.M. when he participated with [REDACTED] in the arrest of COWAN and DOMINICK.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date July 4, 1964

[REDACTED]

Deputy Sheriff PRICE and "HOP" BARNETT came out in response [REDACTED] The Deputy Sheriff and BARNETT arrived sometime between 7 - 8 P. M. They came in the Deputy Sheriff's car and were the only officers to come out on the call. [REDACTED]

It took 30 or 40 minutes to settle the complaint and when the Deputy Sheriff and BARNETT left it was full dark. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had heard of the disappearance of three civil rights workers but knew only what he had learned from the TV concerning it.

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INTERVIEWS WITH [REDACTED]  
WHICH ARE GERMANE TO CECIL RAY PRICE'S  
ALIBI ARE INCORPORATED INTO SECTION IX  
ENTITLED "ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES AT PHILADELPHIA,  
MISSISSIPPI ON JUNE 21, 1964"

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date July 4, 1964

[REDACTED] on June 21, 1964, Deputy Sheriff PRICE and "HOP" BARNETT had come to [REDACTED]

The Deputy Sheriff and BARNETT arrived [REDACTED] before it got completely dark, probably around 7 or 8 P. M. They drove up in the Deputy's 1956 Chevrolet. [REDACTED]

The Deputy Sheriff and BARNETT remained [REDACTED] for approximately 30 or 40 minutes settling the matter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] altogether the Deputy Sheriff and BARNETT were at [REDACTED] for an hour or little more. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the only thing he knew about the disappearance of three civil rights workers was learned from TV news broadcasts and that he had no information to offer regarding it.

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[REDACTED] some Klan-type literature had been thrown on their driveway by persons unknown and that he has never joined or been invited to join any Klan. He added he knows nothing about the Klan or its activities. ,

[REDACTED] this literature, which was a pamphlet of some sort, had been thrown on their driveway a month or so ago and he did not know where this literature could be located at this time.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date July 4, 1964

[REDACTED] on June 21, 1964, Deputy Sheriff CECIL PRICE and "HOP"  
BARNETT had come [REDACTED]

The Deputy Sheriff and BARNETT had arrived in the 1956  
Chevrolet of the Deputy Sheriff sometime around 7 or 8 P. M.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] knew nothing of the disappearance  
of the three civil rights people except that heard on TV. He said  
he had no information concerning the matter.

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\_\_\_\_\_ did not know that the law had been called until the officers actually arrived \_\_\_\_\_

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 6, 19641

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The law was called  
and Deputy Sheriff PRICE and "HOP" BARNETT came out on the call.  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] altogether, PRICE and BARNETT were  
at [REDACTED] for about five or ten minutes and left. It was their  
only visit on June 21, 1964, and they have not returned since  
then.

[REDACTED] denied that the  
call for the police was, in any way whatever, a coverup for PRICE  
or BARNETT to assist them to account for any part of their time  
on June 21, 1964. He concluded that this was all he had to say  
on the affair.

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July 2, 1964  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] three officers came out [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as well as he could  
remember, the officers' names were HOLLEY, PRICE, and  
he believed SKINNER.

[REDACTED] this would have been between  
11:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. when the officers were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] none of them heard anything about the victims being arrested until they heard over the radio on June 22, 1964, they had disappeared. b7C, b7D

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1Date July 3, 1964

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to the City Hall in Philadelphia, Mississippi, arriving there between 11:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

[REDACTED] there was only one policeman and two other men at the City Hall.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] two more Philadelphia policemen as well as two other uniformed officers came into the City Hall. [REDACTED] did not know what kind of officers the latter two were.

[REDACTED] sometime between 11:30 p.m. and Midnight a Deputy Sheriff, [REDACTED] drove up and arrested [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were in the City Hall one of the officers stated that Sheriff RAINEY was out of town and he did not know how to get in touch with him.

[REDACTED] called one of the officers at the City Hall by the name of PRICE.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had no knowledge  
whatsoever concerning the arrest of the three civil rights  
workers and their subsequent release. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the first time  
he heard the three civil rights workers were missing was on  
Tuesday morning, June 24, 1964.

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[REDACTED] was at the Philadelphia Police Department at around 12:15 a.m. on June 22, 1964. He observed there at that time Neshoba County Sheriff LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also observed at the Police Department at that time was Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE, Constable CLAYTON LIVINGSTON, Beat #1, Neshoba County, and Patrolman NEAL BURKES.

[REDACTED] did not remember seeing Neshoba County Justice of the Peace of Beat #1 LEONARD WARREN present in the area of the Police Department at that time nor did he see former Neshoba County Sheriff "HOP" BARNETT [REDACTED]

While present at the Police Department during the early morning hours of June 22, 1964, [REDACTED] heard no one, including the law enforcement officers present, mention the three civil rights workers, MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, ANDREW GOODMAN and JAMES CHANEY.

During the period from 12:15 a.m. until 3 a.m., June 22, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] never observed the station wagon of the three missing civil rights workers.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] professed to have no knowledge as to what a klan-type organization was. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] does not know any members of any klan-type organizations.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had no knowledge of the beatings of the Negroes and the burning of the Mount Zion Methodist Church on June 16 or June 17, 1964. [REDACTED] nor could he furnish any information as to who might have been responsible for the beatings and the burning.

[REDACTED] was asked if he murdered the civil rights workers, MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, ANDREW GOODMAN and JAMES CHANEY, and he advised that he did not. He was asked if he was present when they were murdered and answered that he was not. He was asked if he knew who murdered the civil rights workers and he advised he did not. He was asked if he knew to whom the civil rights workers had been turned over and he advised he did not.

[REDACTED] denied any knowledge whatsoever of the detention, release and murder of the civil rights workers.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] first heard about the 1963 Ford station wagon being located [REDACTED] on Tuesday afternoon [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that the station wagon had been found in the Bogue Chitto Swamp. [REDACTED] started to go to the scene but heard on the radio that the officials wanted the people to stay away.

[REDACTED] he has no information regarding plans to intercept the victims. He did not know that the victims were coming to Neshoba County and he has never seen victims CHANEY, SCHWERNER, or GOODMAN at any time to his knowledge nor has he observed their automobile at any time. He added that nothing has come to his attention from any source as to how the three victims disappeared, or where they are located at the present time.

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[REDACTED] has no information whatsoever concerning a Klan organization in Neshoba County or elsewhere. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] two or three months ago twelve crosses were burned in various parts of the county, all during one evening but he has no information who burned the crosses or the significance of the cross burnings.

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Race

Sex

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Age

Height

Weight

Hair

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Date August 3, 1964

[REDACTED] was contacted at his home [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the Agents and told by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make any statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was told he had a right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He said that since he was previously interviewed nothing has come to his attention regarding the individuals responsible for the assaults and burning of the Mount Zion Church, whereabouts of the victims or who caused their disappearance or klan-type activities.

[REDACTED] was asked if he had knowledge of any Negro males being told to leave Philadelphia or Neshoba County. [REDACTED] replied that everyone in Neshoba County knew about a young Negro male, name not recalled, having telephoned a young white girl at Thompson's Drugstore and thereafter he was jailed and later told to leave Philadelphia. [REDACTED]

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not know who caused the Negro male to leave Neshoba County in the early part of June, 1964. [REDACTED] had no part in the incident whatsoever.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on June 16, 1964, he did not visit the Mount Zion Community at any time and he had no knowledge of the individuals responsible for the assaults there or the burning of the church. [REDACTED]

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Date September 10, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
voluntarily furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] could furnish no  
information concerning the murder of the three civil rights  
workers or the burning of the Mount Zion Methodist Church.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 21, 19641

[REDACTED]  
voluntarily furnished the following information:

*Phila, Miss.*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had no information concerning the disappearance and murder of the three civil rights workers or the burning of the Mount Zion Methodist Church.

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LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was arrested [REDACTED] by Sheriff  
RAINEY and LEONARD WARREN at approximately 11:45 PM on  
June 21, 1964.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] saw Sheriff RAINEY  
at approximately 12 midnight, June 21, 1964, at Police Headquarters,  
Philadelphia, Mississippi.

[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 4, 1964

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[REDACTED] was advised by SA [REDACTED] of the identity of the interviewing agents; that no threats, promises or offers of reward were being made to induce him to make a statement; that any statement he did make must be voluntary, and can be used against him in a court of law; and that he had a right to an attorney before making a statement. [REDACTED] was familiar with the investigation that the FBI was conducting in the area and that he had no objection to talking to the agents of the FBI, but that he felt that the missing persons involved in this case had "got what was coming to them if they had been put away."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not see any unusual activity around the jail at that time and that he does not recall seeing the station wagon of the missing persons.

[REDACTED] the only way that he knew that the missing persons had a station wagon was that he saw a photograph in the newspaper of the station wagon after it had been burned.

On 7/3/64 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227

by SAs [REDACTED] /esp/bjm [REDACTED] Date dictated 7/4/64

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had no sympathies with the  
missing persons or with their integration activities in  
Mississippi. [REDACTED] was not aware that they were in  
the state or active in the Philadelphia area until he learned

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about it in the newspaper after they had been reported missing. [REDACTED] saw nothing wrong with having disposed of them or with having them killed if they were attempting to further mix the "niggers" in Mississippi. [REDACTED] felt that they have no right to come to the state of Mississippi and that if any of his white neighbors asked him to join them in whipping them or even killing them, that he guesses that he would be willing to do it. At this point, he was asked if he feels that Sheriff RAINEY feels the same way about this matter as he does, and he said, "I guess he does." [REDACTED] b7C, b7D

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained by observation and interview:

Race  
Born

Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Employed

Relatives

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 4, 1964

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██████████ was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was advised by SA ██████████ that he had a right to an attorney prior to making any statement, that no threats or promises were being made to him to give a statement to the FBI, and that any statement he did give to the FBI could be used against him in a court of law.

[REDACTED] was advised at the outset of the interview that the FBI was conducting investigation involving three missing persons that had been arrested by the Sheriff's Department of Neshoba County on June 21, 1964. He stated that he was familiar with the investigation inasmuch as it had received considerable publicity.

On 7/3/64 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227

SAs [redacted] and [redacted] /esp b7c. [redacted]  
by [redacted] Date dictated 7/4/64 877

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[REDACTED] wished to cooperate fully with the FBI in this investigation and that the above information was furnished truthfully and that he would be willing to so testify in a court of law. b7c, b7d

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 21, 19641

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at 6:30 P.M., Sheriff RAINEY's car, a gray Oldsmobile with Neshoba County Sheriff's Office markings on it, was parked [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at about 8:30 P.M., [REDACTED] is not sure whether the car was there or not, but that he does not recall seeing the car.

[REDACTED] thinks that if the car had been there at this time, he would have seen it.

[REDACTED]

On 8/19/64 at [REDACTED] File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] /esp b7C Date dictated 8/21/64 880

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Sheriff RAINES was involved in any plan or in any other activity which would be responsible for the disappearance of these persons.

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Date October 3, 1964

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] did not see the 1964 gray Oldsmobile with the official Neshoba County Sheriff's seal, belonging to Neshoba County Sheriff LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINY, parked in the vicinity of [REDACTED] when he arrived at that location some time between 11:30 and 12 P.M. on the night of June 21, 1964.

[REDACTED] could furnish no information regarding the case involving the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County on or about June 21, 1964.

On 10/1/64 at [REDACTED] File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] esp b7C Date dictated 10/1/64

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[REDACTED] wished to fully cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this investigation, but could furnish no additional information. b7C, b7D

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Date July 7, 19641

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

to be around 6 P.M., he noticed that Sheriff RAINEY's gray 1964 Oldsmobile, which has a siren on the top of it, was parked [REDACTED] recalls seeing this car later in the evening parked [REDACTED] is certain it was still there at about 10 o'clock in the evening, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was unable to explain how he arrived at the times other than to say that he definitely recalls this information.

[REDACTED]

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On 7/6/64 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227 286

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ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS

It is noted that JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, in his signed statement concerning the murder and burial of the civil rights workers, stated that several individuals from Neshoba County, came to Meridian, Mississippi, on the afternoon of June 21, 1964, to recruit citizens of Lauderdale County to participate in the action against SCHWERNER, CHANEY and GOODMAN. JORDAN advised that one of the persons recruited from Lauderdale County was ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS and that ROBERTS was definitely a member of the action group.

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, in his signed statement, stated that [REDACTED]

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ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, when interviewed December 4, 1964, at the time of his arrest, at the outset of the interview refused to furnish any information other than physical description and background data without first contacting his attorney.

Prior to ROBERTS' arrest on December 4, 1964, he had been interviewed several times and refused to furnish any information.

JERRY MC GREW SHARPE

JERRY MC GREW SHARPE was implicated by JAMES E. JORDAN as a participant in the killing of the three civil rights workers. He was arrested for violation Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code, and during subsequent interview, he would furnish no account of his activities during period of June 21 and 22, 1964, stating he could not recall what he did on any specific date due to the lapse of time since that period.

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JIMMIE SNOWDEN

SNOWDEN has been identified by JAMES JORDAN [REDACTED] as being present at Akin's Trailer Park on June 21, 1964. SNOWDEN has been further identified as one of a group of persons who traveled from Meridian to Philadelphia, Mississippi, on the evening of June 21, 1964. SNOWDEN, according to JORDAN [REDACTED] was present at the time of the slaying of victims by JORDAN and WAYNE ROBERTS and was also present at the burial site on the BURRAGE property later the same evening. b7c, b7D

When interviewed both prior and subsequent to his arrest on December 4, 1964, SNOWDEN has maintained that he knows nothing concerning Klan matters, knows nothing concerning the slayings of victims and was noncommittal concerning his acquaintance with, or knowledge of the other participants in this case. SNOWDEN advised that he could not recall his whereabouts on the night of June 21, 1964.

JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND

According to JAMES E. JORDAN, at about 6:30 P.M. on June 21, 1964, PREACHER EDGAR RAY KILLEN from Philadelphia, Mississippi, came to the Longhorn Drive-In, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, along with JERRY SHARPE and JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND, also of Philadelphia, Mississippi. They were driving a 1959 Chevrolet, gray and white in color allegedly belonging to JERRY SHARPE. KILLEN had a conversation with FRANK HERNDON at the Longhorn Drive-In and then all went to B. L. AKIN's trailer, Akin's Mobile Homes, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi.

JORDAN further stated that after their arrival at AKIN's trailer, PREACHER KILLEN said that WAYNE ROBERTS, SHARPE, TOWNSEND and himself should go in SHARPE's 1959 Chevrolet to Philadelphia to see if everything was okay. TOWNSEND went on to Philadelphia and according to JORDAN sometime shortly after the civil rights workers were released from jail at Philadelphia and the civil rights workers had started to drive south on Highway 19 out of Philadelphia, SHARPE, BILLY POSEY, WAYNE ROBERTS and TOWNSEND appeared on Highway 19 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in POSEY's 1955 or 1956 red and white Chevrolet. They drove south on Highway 19 apparently following the civil rights worker's station wagon. BILLY POSEY was driving [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BILLY POSEY's car pulled over to the right side of the road and POSEY said he was having carburetor trouble. b7c, b7D

POSEY's car was left by the side of the road with JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND to work on the carburetor. The other occupants of the car, ROBERTS, SHARPE, and POSEY later got into another car and left. TOWNSEND stayed with POSEY's car

during the murder and burial of the civil rights workers. POSEY was eventually taken back to his car where TOWNSEND was still working on the automobile.

TOWNSEND, upon interview regarding the above, advised that he was probably at home the night of Sunday, June 21, 1964, and would say nothing further regarding this night.

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HERMAN TUCKER

It is noted that JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, in his signed statement concerning the murder and burial of the civil rights workers, stated while he was near the BURRAGE dam site on the evening of June 21, 1964, he heard [REDACTED] ask BILLY POSEY if the station wagon belonging to the civil rights workers was [REDACTED] POSEY replied, "No, HERMAN will take it to Alabama where it will be burned."

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, in his signed statement,  
[REDACTED]

Background on HERMAN TUCKER dated August 24, 1964, shows TUCKER owned a green and white Chevrolet, approximately a 1955 model.

The following description of HERMAN TUCKER was obtained through interview and observation:

|        |            |
|--------|------------|
| Race   | White      |
| Sex    | Male       |
| Age    | [REDACTED] |
| Height | 6' 1"      |
| Weight | 165 pounds |

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OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR.

OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR., [REDACTED]  
Mississippi, is the operator of Warner's Drive In Grocery Store  
at the same address.

JAMES E. JORDAN advised that on the evening of  
June 21, 1964, a meeting of Klan members was held at Akin's  
Mobile Homes. [REDACTED] suggested that DICK WARNER,  
might have some type of gloves to use on the job that evening.  
JORDAN, along with JERRY SHARPE and WAYNE ROBERTS, drove to  
WARNER's store in SHARPE's 1959 Chevrolet. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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XII. ABDUCTION OF [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENT TO  
HIS RELEASE FROM THE NESHOPA COUNTY JAIL ON  
[REDACTED]

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ABDUCTION OF [REDACTED]  
SUBSEQUENT TO HIS RELEASE FROM  
THE NESHOPA COUNTY JAIL, [REDACTED]

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Although the facts of the [REDACTED] case were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Biloxi, Mississippi in September, 1964, and a no bill was returned on October 2, 1964, this incident is included in this brief to relate a previous event concerning an abduction subsequent to incarceration at the Neshoba County Jail. b7C

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XIII. BACKGROUND CONCERNING PREVIOUS  
INCIDENTS OF ARRESTS FOR TRAFFIC  
VIOLATIONS IN NESHOPA COUNTY

This section is incorporated in this brief to furnish background concerning previous incidents of arrest for traffic violations in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and disposition of the penalties imposed.

Also, background information concerning [REDACTED] Neshoba County, Mississippi, is included to show [REDACTED] involvement in this investigation inasmuch as [REDACTED] was reportedly seen with PRICE subsequent to the arrests of the victims. b7c

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[REDACTED] exhibited Neshoba County Docket Book, 1964, which is Docket No. 5, and indicated that on page 579 he has recorded a charge of speeding against JAMES CHANEY. The charge indicates "speeding 65 - 35 mile zone". The docket contains a notation that CHANEY plead guilty and was fined \$8 plus cost, plus \$2 driver education fee, and was released on a cash bond June 22, 1964. [REDACTED] the date of the cash bond, which is shown as June 22, 1964, is the date that the bond was received [REDACTED] not the date that CHANEY was actually released. The docket also indicates that CHANEY's case was ordered for adjudication on July 3, 1964, and that the entry in the docket is signed by LEONARD WARREN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has no information concerning the disappearance of the victims nor does he feel that he could furnish any information pertinent to this matter.

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Date August 8, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
Neshoba County, was again advised by SA [REDACTED] that he did not have to make a statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law; no threats, promises, or rewards were being made to him to give a statement to the FBI and that he had a right to an attorney prior to making a statement. [REDACTED] had previously been advised on another occasion by SA [REDACTED] of the identity of the interviewing Agents.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "I may be a strong segregationist, but I don't believe in murder, and it's wrong."

[REDACTED] was advised that he should give deep consideration to this matter and that he should cooperate with the FBI now that he knows there was foul play and that the civil rights workers had been murdered.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 8/7/64 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # JN 44-1

by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] *b7C* *esp* [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/8/64 *908*

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[REDACTED] is a deeply religious man and that while he has strong feelings about the race question, he would never take part in or condone murder.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 24, 1964

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The following observation was made at the Neshoba County, Mississippi, Jail, Philadelphia, Mississippi, on September 24, 1964:

The following is posted just inside the prisoner and public entrance to the jail on a makeshift bulletin board. A piece of paper bearing the following was observed:

"LEONARD WARREN, Justice of the Peace, Beat 1,  
Neshoba County, Philadelphia, Mississippi

| "Charge                | Miles    | Fine    | D.E.    | Cost    | Total    |
|------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Speeding               | Up to 75 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 12.00 |
| Speeding               | 76-85    | 10.00   | 2.00    | 5.00    | 17.00    |
| Speeding               | 86-100   | 30.00   | 4.00    | 5.00    | 39.00    |
| Reckless D             |          | 25.00   | 4.00    | 5.00    | 34.00    |
| Reckless D (Drinking)  |          | 50.00   | 6.00    | 5.00    | 61.00    |
| DWI                    |          | 150.00  | 16.00   | 5.00    | 171.00   |
| No DL or<br>Exp DL     |          | 5.00    | 2.00    | 5.00    | 12.00    |
| No Tag or<br>Emp Tag   |          | 10.00   | 2.00    | 5.00    | 17.00    |
| Following<br>Too Close |          | 5.00    | 2.00    | 5.00    | 12.00    |
| Public Drunk           |          | 10.00   |         | 5.00    | 15.00    |

"If put in jail \$1.00 extra."

On 9/24/64 at Philadelphia, Miss. File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] <sup>b7C</sup> /esp Date dictated 9/24/64

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[REDACTED] thought the column entitled "D.E." had something to do with drivers tests. [REDACTED] could not further explain this abbreviation and could offer no information as to its exact meaning. b7c, b7D

[REDACTED] does not remember the exact date which this notice was placed in the jail, but it is several months duration. b7c, b7D

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/29/64

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was given a ticket for speeding. The charge was 60 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone. PRICE informed [REDACTED] to go see Justice of Peace LEONARD WARREN within two days. [REDACTED] was not placed under arrest and he was allowed to drive his car home. There was no other officer with PRICE.

[REDACTED] the following day, [REDACTED] he went to the office of Justice of Peace WARREN and talked with him. [REDACTED] asked WARREN how much the fine would be. WARREN replied the fine would be \$39. [REDACTED] asked what the \$9 was for to which WARREN replied, "That is for court costs." [REDACTED] was not asked how he pleaded to the charge or that he could take this matter to court.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] when he was stopped by PRICE, he was outside the city limits of Philadelphia, Mississippi although he was not traveling on a state highway.

[REDACTED]

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by SAs [REDACTED] :bjm Date dictated 9/29/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/641

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was interviewed pertaining to his arrest by Deputy Sheriff CECIL RAY PRICE, Neshoba County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia, Mississippi, [REDACTED] for "Speeding - 65 miles per hour in a 30 mile zone."

[REDACTED] could not recall the name of the officer who arrested him nor the date but that he was fined \$16 for speeding as charged. He was instructed by the arresting officer to pay his fine to the local Justice of Peace, name not recalled, within two days, was not incarcerated and was not abused in any way.

The day following his arrest, [REDACTED] paid his \$16 fine to the local Justice of Peace.

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On 10/1/64 at [REDACTED] Mississippi File # JN 44-1  
by SA [REDACTED] <sup>b7C</sup> /bjm Date dictated 10/1/64 916

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 1, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was given a traffic ticket [REDACTED] exact date not recall, in Philadelphia Mississippi. [REDACTED] was enroute [REDACTED] to downtown Philadelphia. [REDACTED] was speeding but did not believe he was going 60 miles per hour as charged.

[REDACTED] was stopped by a Philadelphia, Mississippi Police Car and Patrolman [REDACTED] walked up to the car and told him "kill the engine." Patrolman [REDACTED] then yelled to Patrolman [REDACTED] to "Make it a good one. I've stopped him before." [REDACTED] informed Patrolman [REDACTED] that he had not been stopped by him before. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to make it a good one anyway.

[REDACTED] told him "If I ever catch you driving like this again I will throw you in jail." [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he believed him, and [REDACTED] answered yes. [REDACTED] then stated he had better believe it.

[REDACTED] was given a ticket charging him with speeding 60 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone.

[REDACTED] was informed by Patrolman [REDACTED] that he could go to the City Hall and pay the fine or come into court the following Monday.

[REDACTED] went to the Philadelphia, Mississippi City Hall the following day and talked with a lady whose last name he believes is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] paid \$12 and produced a receipt with the following

On 9/30/64 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] :sab D7C Date dictated 10/1/64 917

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information: "Philadelphia, Mississippi, [REDACTED]  
fine \$10, assessment \$2. amount paid \$12. (first name  
illegible, possibly [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] that this woman made two or  
three phone calls asking persons how much the fine would  
be and one of the persons told her the amount.

[REDACTED] was not asked to plea  
to the charge and he was not asked to appear in court.

[REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 29, 19641

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] voluntarily furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] was arrested for speeding by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol approximately 15-20 miles south of Philadelphia, Mississippi. The arresting officers were Mississippi Highway Patrolmen and he believes that their names were WIGGS and POE.

When he was stopped for speeding the officers informed him that he was exceeding the speed limit, the exact miles per hour that he was speeding he does not recall. He was given a ticket and was not incarcerated or placed on bond, nor was the Justice of the Peace contacted at that time.

After he returned home he wrote a letter to Justice of the Peace LEONARD WARREN at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and explained the circumstances of his arrest and inquired as to what his fine might be. He later received a letter from Justice of the Peace WARREN stating his fine was \$17 and that he could pay this by mailing it to Philadelphia, Mississippi. [REDACTED] neglected to pay this fine until [REDACTED] when a Constable from Meridian, Mississippi, contacted him regarding payment of this fine and he then went to Justice of the Peace CRAWFORD in Meridian, Mississippi, and paid him the amount of the fine.

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On 9/29/64 at [REDACTED] Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] *mjh b7c* [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/29/64 *919*

XIV. PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION

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PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION

On December 3, 1964, the facts of this investigation were presented to the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice who authorized prosecution of subjects charging EARL B. AKIN and TOMMY A. HORNE with violation of Title 18 Section 4, U. S. Code, and BERNARD L. AKIN, JIMMY ARLEDGE, HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE, OTHA NEAL BURKES, OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE, JAMES T. HARRIS, FRANK J. HERNDON, JAMES E. JORDAN, EDGAR RAY KILLEN, BILLY WAYNE POSEY, CECIL RAY PRICE, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, JERRY MC CREW SHARPE, JIMMY SNOWDEN, JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND, HERMAN TUCKER, and OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR., with violation Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code.

The language set forth in the complaints was furnished by the Department of Justice to Bureau Supervisor [REDACTED] FBI, Washington, D. C., who forwarded this information to the Jackson Division of the FBI. b7C

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On December 4, 1964, a complaint was filed before Miss ESTHER CARTER, U. S. Commissioner, Meridian, Mississippi, charging EARL B. AKIN with violation of U. S. Code, Title 18, Section 4, and is set forth as follows:

"UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION  
U. S. CODE, TITLE 18,  
SECTION 4

V

"EARL B. AKIN

"Before Esther Carter, Meridian, Mississippi.

"The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states and disposes that he is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation duly appointed according to law and acting as such.

"That on or about June 21, 1964, and thereafter in the Southern District of Mississippi Earl B. Akin, having knowledge of the actual commission of a felony cognizable by a court of the United States, that is, a conspiracy to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman, citizens of the United States, in the free exercise and enjoyment of rights secured to them by the Constitution and laws of the United States, in furtherance of which conspiracy, the conspirators threatened, assaulted, shot and killed Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman on or about June 21, 1964, and did willfully conceal the same and did not as soon as possible make known the commission

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of said felony to a judge or other person in civil authority under the United States.

"Wherefore, your deponent respectfully requests that the above-named defendant be dealt with according to law.

"United States Commissioner

"Special Agent

"Federal Bureau of Investigation"

The above complaint was filed by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

On December 4, 1964, complaint was filed before Miss ESTHER CARTER, U. S. Commissioner, Meridian, Mississippi, charging TOMMY A. HORNE with violation of Section 4, Title 18, U. S. Code, and is set forth as follows:

"UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION  
U. S. CODE, TITLE 18,  
SECTION 4

"TOMMY A. HORNE

"Before Esther Carter, Meridian, Mississippi.

"The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states and disposes that he is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation duly appointed according to law and acting as such.

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"That on or about June 21, 1964, and thereafter in the Southern District of Mississippi Tommy A. Horne, having knowledge of a felony cognizable by a court of the United States, that is, a conspiracy to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman, citizens of the United States, in free exercise and enjoyment of rights secured to them by the Constitution and laws of the United States, in furtherance of which conspiracy, the conspirators threatened, assaulted, shot and killed Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman on or about June 21, 1964, did willfully conceal the same and did not as soon as possible make known the commission of said felony to a judge or other person in civil authority under the United States,

"Wherefore, your deponent respectfully requests that the above-named defendant be dealt with according to law.

"United States Commissioner

"Special Agent

"Federal Bureau of Investigation"

The above complaint was filed by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

On December 4, 1964, complaints were filed before Miss ESTHER CARTER, U. S. Commissioner, Meridian, Mississippi, by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR., charging the following with violation U. S. Code, Title 18, Section 241:

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BERNARD L. AKIN  
JIMMY ARLEDGE  
HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE  
TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE  
OTHA NEAL BURKES, PATROLMAN, POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI  
OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE  
JAMES T. HARRIS  
FRANK J. HERNDON  
JAMES E. JORDAN  
EDGAR RAY KILLEN  
BILLY WAYNE POSEY  
CECIL RAY PRICE, DEPUTY SHERIFF, NESHOPA COUNTY,  
MISSISSIPPI  
LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, SHERIFF, NESHOPA COUNTY,  
MISSISSIPPI  
ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS  
JERRY MC GREW SHARPE  
JIMMY SNOWDEN  
JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND  
HERMAN TUCKER  
OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR. - DEFENDANTS

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"UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

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SECTION 241

"BERNARD L. AKIN  
JIMMY ARLEDGE

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE  
TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE  
OTHA NEAL BURKES, PATROLMAN, POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI  
OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE  
JAMES T. HARRIS  
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JAMES E. JORDAN  
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BILLY WAYNE POSEY  
CECIL RAY PRICE, DEPUTY SHERIFF, NESHOPA COUNTY,  
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HERMAN TUCKER  
OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR. - DEFENDANTS

"Before Esther Carter, Meridian, Mississippi.

"The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states and disposes that he is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation duly appointed according to law and acting as such.

"That on or about January 1, 1964 and continuing to the date of this complaint BERNARD L. AKIN; JIMMY ARLEDGE; HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE; TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE; OTHA NEAL BURKES, PATROLMAN, POLICE DEPARTMENT, PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI; OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE; JAMES T. HARRIS; FRANK J. HERNDON; JAMES E. JORDAN; EDGAR RAY KILLEN; BILLY WAYNE POSEY; CECIL RAY PRICE, DEPUTY SHERIFF, NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY,

SHERIFF, NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS; JERRY MC GREW SHARPE; JIMMY SNOWDEN; JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND; HERMAN TUCKER; OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR., within the Southern District of Mississippi conspired together, with each other and with other persons unknown, to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman, citizens of the United States, in the free exercise and enjoyment of rights secured to them by the Constitution and laws of the United States, namely:

- "A. The right not to be deprived of life or liberty without due process of law, by persons acting under color of the laws of Mississippi.
- "B. The right and privilege to be secure in the presence of their persons while under custody of the State of Mississippi and its agencies and officers; the right and privilege to be immune from summary punishment without due process of law, and the right to be tried by due process of law for an alleged offense, and if found guilty, to be punished in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi.
- "C. The right to vote for candidates for Federal office and to encourage other citizens to become qualified to vote for candidates for Federal office and to assemble for the purpose of discussion and education with respect to the political and administrative processes incident to such right to vote.

"It was a part of the plan and purpose of the conspiracy that Cecil Ray Price, Deputy Sheriff of Neshoba County,

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Mississippi, acting under the color of his office, would arrest Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman without lawful cause and detain them in the Neshoba County Jail located in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and would release them from custody, and that Cecil Ray Price, Jimmy Arledge, Horace Doyle Barnette, Travis Maryn Barnette, Alton Wayne Roberts, Jimmy Snowden, James E. Jordan, Billy Wayne Posey, Jerry McGrew Sharpe and Jimmy Lee Townsend would thereupon intercept Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman shortly after they departed from Philadelphia, Mississippi by automobile, and did threaten, assault, shoot and kill them.

"Wherefore, your deponent respectfully requests that the above-named defendant be dealt with according to law.

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"United States Commissioner

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"Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation"

On December 4, 1964, arrest warrants were issued by Miss ESTHER CARTER, U. S. Commissioner, Meridian, Mississippi, for the defendants named in the complaints.

All subjects named in the complaints were arrested on December 4, 1964 by Bureau Agents.

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE was arrested at Shreveport, Louisiana, December 4, 1964, arraigned before U. S. Commissioner

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at Shreveport, Louisiana, and held in Caddo Parish Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond. On December 5, 1964, the U. S. Commissioner at Shreveport, Louisiana, reduced BARNETTE's bond to \$5,000 and on December 8, 1964, BARNETTE was released on \$5,000 bond. BARNETTE did not waive preliminary hearing but did not ask for a hearing at any particular time in the future. The complaint against him remains outstanding.

On December 10, 1964, at 10:00 A.M. before U. S. Commissioner ESTHER CARTER at Meridian, Mississippi, a preliminary hearing was held for BERNARD L. AKIN, EARL B. AKIN, JAMES ARLEDGE, TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE, OTHA NEAL BURKES, OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE, JAMES T. HARRIS, TOMMY A. HORNE, EDGAR RAY KILLEN, BILLY WAYNE POSEY, CECIL RAY PRICE, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, JIMMY SNOWDEN, JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND, OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, FRANK J. HERNDON, JERRY MC GREW SHARPE and HERMAN TUCKER. At the preliminary hearing, U. S. Commissioner CARTER refused to allow FBI Agent HENRY RASK to testify concerning a signed statement he received from HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE. Miss CARTER ruled that Mr. RASK's testimony was hearsay and it would be necessary to produce the person who furnished the statement to testify as a witness. As a result of the Commissioner's ruling, ROBERT OWEN, Departmental Attorney, U. S. Department of Justice, advised Miss CARTER that the Government did not wish to present further evidence at the preliminary hearing. Miss CARTER dismissed the complaint against the defendants.

On December 4, 1964, JAMES EDWARD JORDAN was arrested at Gulfport, Mississippi by Agents of the FBI and arraigned before U. S. Commissioner at Gulfport, Mississippi, his hearing set for December 11, 1964, and he was held on \$5,000 bond. JORDAN was released from the Harrison County Jail in Gulfport after his bond of \$5,000 was posted, December 11, 1964.

JAMES E. JORDAN was granted a preliminary hearing at which time the U. S. Commissioner dismissed the complaint against him.

XV. DEFENDANTS IN THIS CASE

DEFENDANTS

NAME

ADDRESS

JIMMY (NMN) ARLEDGE

2718 Vally Street  
Meridian, Mississippi

EARL BERNARD AKIN

TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE

OTHA NEAL BURKES

OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE

JAMES T. HARRIS

TOMMY A. HORNE

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BILLY WAYNE POSEY

CECIL RAY PRICE  
Deputy Sheriff  
Neshoba County, Mississippi

LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINY  
Sheriff  
Neshoba County, Mississippi

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DEFENDANTS

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JIMMIE SNOWDEN

JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND

OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR.

BERNARD LEE AKIN

FRANK JAMES HERNDON

JERRY MC GREW SHARPE

HERMAN TUCKER

JAMES EDWARD JORDAN

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE

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XVI. APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

[REDACTED] approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. b7D

[REDACTED] the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

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ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(LOUISIANA)  
(OKKKK)

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[REDACTED] in  
December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport,  
Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux  
Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to  
promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining  
of segregation. b7D

[REDACTED]  
that this OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims  
and purposes continue to be the same. b7D

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P R O S E C U T I V E S U M M A R Y

Synopsis: The Federal Grand Jury which convened 1-11-65 at Jackson, Mississippi, to hear testimony concerning the abduction and murder on 6-21-64 of JAMES EARL CHANEY, MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER and ANDREW GOODMAN, three civil rights workers, in Neshoba County, Mississippi, returned True Bill 1-15-65 charging BERNARD L. AKIN, JIMMY (NMN) ARLEDGE, HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE, OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE, JAMES T. HARRIS, FRANK J. HERNDON, JAMES E. JORDAN, EDGAR RAY KILLEN, BILLY WAYNE POSEY, CECIL RAY PRICE, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, JERRY MC GREW SHARPE, JIMMY SNOWDEN, JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND, HERMAN TUCKER and RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS with violations of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 241, with Conspiracy under Section 371, and violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 242.

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN voluntarily appeared, in response to a Bench Warrant issued 1-15-65 in the Southern District of Miss., at Atlanta, Ga., 1-18-65, arraigned before U. S. Commissioner, Atlanta, Ga., and released under \$5,000 bond.

On 1-24-65, U. S. District Judge HAROLD COX, Southern District of Miss., signed an order authorizing the Clerk of the U. S. District Court for Southern District of Miss. to transfer cause of JAMES EDWARD JORDAN from Southern District of Miss. to the Northern District of Ga. for plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

On 2-24-65, U. S. District Judge COX sustained Defendants' motions to dismiss indictments charging Defendants with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241.

On 2-25-65, Judge COX sustained the first count of the indictment for Conspiracy under Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 371, to violate Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 242, against all Defendants and ruled that the second, third, and fourth counts of the indictment were valid against LAWRENCE RAINEY, CECIL PRICE, and RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS, but not against the other Defendants.

JAMES EDWARD JORDAN reiterated his statement that he was not physically present when Victims SCHWERNER, GOODMAN and CHANEY were shot on the gravel road near Highway 19 near Philadelphia, Miss.

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I. PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION

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On January 1, 1965, the Federal Grand Jury convened at Jackson, Mississippi, to hear testimony concerning the abduction and murder on June 21, 1964, in Neshoba County, Mississippi, of three civil rights workers, JAMES EARL CHANEY, MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER and ANDREW GOODMAN.

On January 15, 1965, a true bill was returned by the Federal Grand Jury charging the following persons with violations of Title 18, United States Code, 241, 242 and 371:

CECIL RAY PRICE  
BERNARD L. AKIN  
JIMMY ARLEDGE  
HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE  
TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE  
OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE  
JAMES T. HARRIS  
FRANK J. HERNDON  
JAMES E. JORDAN  
EDGAR RAY KILLEN  
BILLY WAYNE POSEY  
LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY  
ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS  
JERRY MC GREW SHARPE  
JIMMY SNOWDEN  
JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND  
HERMAN TUCKER  
RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS

The indictments returned by the Grand Jury are set forth as follows:

"IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

v. :

CRIMINAL NO. 5215

"CECIL RAY PRICE  
BERNARD L. AKIN  
JIMMY ARLEDGE

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE  
TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE  
OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE  
JAMES T. HARRIS  
FRANK J. HERNDON  
JAMES E. JORDAN  
EDGAR RAY KILLEN  
BILLY WAYNE POSEY  
LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY  
ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS  
JERRY MC GREW SHARPE  
JIMMY SNOWDEN  
JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND  
HERMAN TUCKER  
RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS

"THE GRAND JURY CHARGES AND PRESENTS:

"1. At all times herein mentioned Lawrence Andrew Rainey was sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi; Cecil Ray Price was deputy sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi; Richard Andrew Willis was a patrolman of the Police Department of Philadelphia, Mississippi; and each was acting by virtue of his official position and under color of the laws of the State of Mississippi.

"2. Commencing on or about January 1, 1964, and continuing to on or about December 4, 1964, Cecil Ray Price, Bernard L. Akin, Jimmy Arledge, Horace Doyle Barnette, Travis Maryn Barnette, Olen Lovell Burrage, James T. Harris, Frank J. Herndon, James E. Jordan, Edgar Ray Killen, Billy Wayne Posey, Lawrence Andrew Rainey, Alton Wayne Roberts, Jerry McGrew Sharpe, Jimmy Snowden, Jimmy Lee Townsend, Herman Tucker, and Richard Andrew Willis, within the Southern District of Mississippi, conspired together, with each other and with other persons to the Grand Jury unknown, to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate Michael

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Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman, each a citizen of the United States, in the free exercise and enjoyment of the right and privilege secured to them by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States not to be deprived of life or liberty without due process of law by persons acting under color of the laws of Mississippi.

"3. It was a part of the plan and purpose of the conspiracy that Cecil Ray Price, while having Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman in his custody in the Neshoba County Jail located in Philadelphia, Mississippi, would release them from custody at such time that he, Cecil Ray Price, Jimmy Arledge, Horace Doyle Barnette, Travis Maryn Barnette, Alton Wayne Roberts, Jimmy Snowden, James E. Jordan, Billy Wayne Posey, Jerry McGrew Sharpe and Jimmy Lee Townsend could and would intercept Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman upon their leaving the area of the Neshoba County Jail, and threaten, assault, shoot and kill them.

"In violation of Section 241 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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United States Attorney

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Special Attorney  
Department of Justice

"A TRUE BILL:

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"IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

v. :

CECIL RAY PRICE : CRIMINAL NO. 5216  
BERNARD L. AKIN :  
JIMMY ARLEDGE : 18 U.S.C. 242, 371  
HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE  
TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE  
OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE  
JAMES T. HARRIS  
FRANK J. HERNDON  
JAMES E. JORDAN  
EDGAR RAY KILLEN  
BILLY WAYNE POSEY  
LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY  
ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS  
JIMMY MC GREW SHARPE  
JIMMY SNOWDEN  
JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND  
HERMAN TUCKER  
RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS

"THE GRAND JURY CHARGES AND PRESENTS:

FIRST COUNT

"1. At all times herein mentioned Lawrence Andrew Rainey was sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi; Cecil Ray Price was deputy sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi; Richard Andrew Willis was a patrolman of the Police Department of Philadelphia, Mississippi; and each was acting by virtue of his official position and under color of the laws of the State of Mississippi.

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"2. Commencing on or about January 1, 1964, and continuing to on or about December 4, 1964, Cecil Ray Price, Bernard L. Akin, Jimmy Arledge, Horace Doyle Barnette, Travis Maryn Barnette, Olen Lovell Burrage, James T. Harris, Frank J. Herndon, James E. Jordan, Edgar Ray Killen, Billy Wayne Posey, Lawrence Andrew Rainey, Alton Wayne Roberts, Jerry McGrew Sharpe, Jimmy Snowden, Jimmy Lee Townsend, Herman Tucker, and Richard Andrew Willis, within the Southern District of Mississippi, conspired together, with each other, and with other persons to the Grand Jury unknown, to commit an offense against the United States in violation of Section 242 of Title 18 of the United States Code, that is to say that they conspired to wilfully subject Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman, each an inhabitant of the State of Mississippi, to the deprivation of their right, privilege and immunity secured and protected by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States not to be summarily punished without due process of law by persons acting under color of the laws of the State of Mississippi.

"3. It was a part of the plan and purpose of the conspiracy that Cecil Ray Price, while having Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman in custody in the Neshoba County Jail located in Philadelphia, Mississippi, would release them from custody at such time that he, Cecil Ray Price, Jimmy Arledge, Horace Doyle Barnette, Travis Maryn Barnette, Alton Wayne Roberts, Jimmy Snowden, James E. Jordan, Billy Wayne Posey, Jerry McGrew Sharpe and Jimmy Lee Townsend could and would intercept Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman upon their leaving the area of the Neshoba County Jail, and threaten, assault, shoot and kill them.

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### Overt Acts

"Pursuant to the conspiracy and in furtherance of the objects thereof, the following defendants committed the following overt acts within the Southern District of Mississippi:

"1. On June 21, 1964, Cecil Ray Price detained Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman in the Neshoba County Jail located in Philadelphia, Mississippi, after sundown on that day until approximately 10:30 P.M.

"2. On June 21, 1964, Billy Wayne Posey drove an automobile south on Highway 19 from Philadelphia, Mississippi.

"3. On June 21, 1964, Cecil Ray Price drove an automobile south on Highway 19 from Philadelphia, Mississippi.

"4. On June 21, 1964, Cecil Ray Price removed Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman from an automobile stopped on Highway 492 between Highway 19 and Union, Mississippi, and placed them in an official automobile of the Neshoba County Sheriff's office.

"5. On June 21, 1964, Cecil Ray Price transported Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman from a place on State Highway 492 between Highway 19 and Union, Mississippi, to a place on an unpaved road intersecting Highway 19 south of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

"6. On June 21, 1964, Billy Wayne Posey drove an automobile bearing the bodies of Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman from a place on the unpaved road intersecting Highway 19 982

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south of Philadelphia, Mississippi, to the vicinity of the construction site of an earthen dam, located near Highway 21, approximately 5 miles southwest of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

"In violation of Section 371 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

SECOND COUNT

"On or about June 21, 1964, in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and within the Southern District of Mississippi, Lawrence Andrew Rainey, sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Cecil Ray Price, deputy sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Richard Andrew Willis, a patrolman of the Police Department of Philadelphia, Mississippi, Bernard L. Akin, Jimmy Arledge, Horace Doyle Barnette, Travis Maryn Barnette, Olen Lovell Burrage, James T. Harris, Frank J. Herndon, James E. Jordan, Edgar Ray Killen, Billy Wayne Posey, Alton Wayne Roberts, Jerry McGrew Sharpe, Jimmy Snowden, Jimmy Lee Townsend and Herman Tucker, while acting under color of the laws of the State of Mississippi, did wilfully assault, shoot and kill Michael Henry Schwerner, an inhabitant of the State of Mississippi, then and there in the custody of Cecil Ray Price, for the purpose and with the intent of punishing Michael Henry Schwerner summarily and without due process of law and for the purpose and with the intent of punishing Michael Henry Schwerner for conduct not so punishable under the laws of Mississippi, and did thereby wilfully deprive Michael Henry Schwerner of rights, privileges and immunities secured and protected by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, namely, the right not to be deprived of his life and liberty without due process of law, the right and privilege 983

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to be secure in his person while in the custody of the State of Mississippi and its agents and officers, the right and privilege to be immune from summary punishment without due process of law, and the right to be tried by due process of law for an alleged offense and, if found guilty, to be punished in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi.

"In violation of Section 242 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

### THIRD COUNT

"On or about June 21, 1964, in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and within the Southern District of Mississippi, Lawrence Andrew Rainey, Sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Cecil Ray Price, deputy sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Richard Andrew Willis, a patrolman of the Police Department of Philadelphia, Mississippi, Bernard L. Akin, Jimmy Arledge, Horace Doyle Barnette, Travis Maryn Barnette, Olen Lovell Burrage, James T. Harris, Frank J. Herndon, James E. Jordan, Edgar Ray Killen, Billy Wayne Posey, Alton Wayne Roberts, Jerry McGrew Sharpe, Jimmy Snowden, Jimmy Lee Townsend and Herman Tucker, while acting under color of the laws of the State of Mississippi, did wilfully assault, shoot and kill James Earl Chaney, an inhabitant of the State of Mississippi, then and there in the custody of Cecil Ray Price, for the purpose and with the intent of punishing James Earl Chaney summarily and without due process of law and for the purpose and with the intent of punishing James Earl Chaney for conduct not so punishable under the laws of Mississippi, and did thereby wilfully deprive James Earl Chaney of rights, privileges and immunities secured and protected

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by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, namely, the right not to be deprived of his life and liberty without due process of law, the right and privilege to be secure in his person while in the custody of the State of Mississippi and its agents and officers, the right and privilege to be immune from summary punishment without due process of law, and the right to be tried by due process of law for an alleged offense and, if found guilty, to be punished in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi.

"In violation of Section 242 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

#### FOURTH COUNT

"On or about June 21, 1964, in Neshoba County, Mississippi, and within the Southern District of Mississippi, Lawrence Andrew Rainey, sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Cecil Ray Price, deputy sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, Richard Andrew Willis, a patrolman of the Police Department of Philadelphia, Mississippi, Bernard L. Akin, Jimmy Arledge, Horace Doyle Barnette, Travis Maryn Barnette, Olen Lovell Burrage, James T. Harris, Frank J. Herndon, James E. Jordan, Edgar Ray Killen, Billy Wayne Posey, Alton Wayne Roberts, Jerry McGrew Sharpe, Jimmy Snowden, Jimmy Lee Townsend and Herman Tucker, while acting under color of the laws of the State of Mississippi did wilfully assault, shoot and kill Andrew Goodman, an inhabitant of the State of Mississippi, then and there in the custody of Cecil Ray Price, for the purpose and with the intent of punishing Andrew Goodman summarily and without due process of law and for the purpose and with the intent of punishing Andrew Goodman for conduct not so punishable under the laws of Mississippi, and did thereby wilfully deprive Andrew Goodman of rights,

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privileges and immunities secured and protected by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, namely, the right not to be deprived of his life and liberty without due process of law, the right and privilege to be secure in his person while in the custody of the State of Mississippi and its agents and officers, the right and privilege to be immune from summary punishment without due process of law, and the right to be tried by due process of law for an alleged offense and, if found guilty, to be punished in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi.

"In violation of Section 242 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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United States Attorney

"Special Attorney  
Department of Justice

"A TRUE BILL:

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ARREST OF DEFENDANTS NAMED IN  
INDICTMENT

On January 15, 1965, warrants for the arrest of BERNARD L. AKIN, JIMMY ARLEDGE, HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE, OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE, JAMES T. HARRIS, FRANK J. HERNDON, JAMES E. JORDAN, EDGAR RAY KILLEN, BILLY WAYNE POSEY, CECIL RAY PRICE, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY, ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, JERRY MC GREW SHARPE, JIMMY SNOWDEN, JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND, HERMAN TUCKER and RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS were issued by Clerk of the United States District Court, Jackson, Mississippi. All of the above-mentioned defendants, with the exception of HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE and JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, were arrested on January 16, 1965, by Deputy United States Marshals and arraigned before United States Commissioner ESTHER CARTER at Meridian, Mississippi, who released them on \$5,750 bond.

On January 18, 1965, HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE was arrested by FBI Agents at Shreveport, Louisiana, and arraigned before United States Commissioner at Shreveport, Louisiana, who released BARNETTE on \$5,000 bond.

On January 18, 1965, JAMES E. JORDAN voluntarily appeared at the Atlanta Office in response to Bench Warrant for Arrest issued on January 15, 1965, in the Southern District of Mississippi.

He was taken before U. S. Commissioner FRANK A. HOLDEN, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, by Special Agent [REDACTED] Commissioner HOLDEN set bond in the amount of \$5,000, permitted JORDAN to sign his own bond without surety, and JORDAN was released with instructions that he should appear before the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi at Meridian, Mississippi, when so ordered. b7C

MOTIONS FILED BEFORE UNITED STATES DISTRICT  
JUDGE HAROLD J. COX

The following motions were filed by attorneys for the Defendants in the murder of the three civil rights workers, SCHWERNER, CHANEY and GOODMAN, before United States District Judge HAROLD J. COX, at Jackson, Mississippi:

1. Motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction, as indictment does not allege a crime cognizable by the Laws of the United States.
2. Motion for additional time in which to prepare motions.
3. Motions for severance.
4. Motion to suppress search warrants.
5. Motion for jury trial.
6. Motion to dismiss because evidence and information is not supported by facts and was obtained unlawfully, since Defendants were taken to Meridian Auxiliary Naval Station, held incommunicado without right to counsel, intensely interrogated, subjected to being exhibited as common criminals before newspaper reporters, hundreds of cameramen, etc., who exhibited them in a prejudicial manner to the public to the extent they have been publicly tried and convicted by newspaper and television media to the extent that their right to a fair and impartial trial has been abrogated without their consent.
7. Motion to dismiss on basis that the attorneys other than the regular United States Attorney and his Assistants were permitted to go before the Federal Grand Jury which returned indictments, that indictments were obtained by undue force and payment of money by Agents and Officers of the Federal Government, and if it had not been for evidence so

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produced, the Defendants would not have been indicted.

8. Motion to require production of evidence.

9. Motion for bill of particulars.

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PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS, JANUARY 25 to 27,  
1965, AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

In connection with pre-trial pleadings before United States District Judge HAROLD J. COX, Southern District of Mississippi, on January 25 to 27, 1965, at Meridian, Mississippi, Departmental Attorney ROBERT OWEN advised that the following motions were heard and argued: D.C.

1. Motion for severance. Miss.

- . A motion for severance for Horace Doyle Barnette was granted by U. S. District Judge HAROLD J. COX.

2. Motion to suppress search warrants.

- . In connection with this motion, testimony was presented by Special Agents of the FBI HENRY L. MC CONNELL and JOHN H. KRESEK, who testified concerning their service of a search warrant August 4, 1964, on OLEN BURRAGE, who is the owner of Burrage Dam.
- . Special Agent of the FBI JAY COCHRAN, JR. testified regarding entries by Bureau Agents and excavating equipment on BURRAGE's property August 4, 1964, to effect the exhumation of the bodies of the three civil rights workers, SCHWERNER, CHANEY and GOODMAN, who were buried in BURRAGE's dam. In connection with this motion, Defendants' attorneys directed specific questions to COCHRAN concerning reconnoitering conducted by Agents on BURRAGE's property prior to August 4, 1964, which was the date of serving the search warrant on BURRAGE.
- . Special Agent JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR. testified concerning the terrain searches conducted on BURRAGE's property prior to August 4, 1964, and concerning the survey of the access road to the BURRAGE property, which road was employed in bringing the earth-moving equipment to the damsite.

Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN testified concerning radio transmissions from Bureau automobiles and his coordinating the service of the search warrant on OLEN BURRAGE with the entries of personnel and equipment to the OLEN BURRAGE farm.

3. Motion for dismissal of indictments against the Defendants on the basis they were prejudiced by undue publicity afforded in the preliminary hearing.

The Defendants called as their witnesses Navy personnel which included Commanding Officer, Captain ~~JOE WILLIAMS~~; Executive Officer, Commander ~~ROBERT WRIGHT~~; Legal Officer, Lieutenant ~~RAY MADLIN~~; a Lieutenant ~~DAVID WILLSEY~~; and a Seaman by the name of ROBERT S. FAITH, EM-3.

No rebuttal testimony was presented by the Government.

Judge COX reserved decisions on these motions until a later unspecified date.

ARRAIGNMENTS OF DEFENDANTS BEFORE U. S. DISTRICT  
JUDGE HAROLD J. COX AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

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On January 8, 1965, seventeen (17) Defendants, BERNARD L. AKIN; JIMMY (NMN) ARLEDGE; HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE; TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE; OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE; JAMES T. HARRIS; FRANK J. HERNDON; EDGAR RAY KILLEN; BILLY WAYNE POSEY; CECIL RAY PRICE; LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY; ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS; JERRE MC GREW SHARPE; JIMMY SNOWDEN; JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND; HERMAN TUCKER; and RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS, appeared before U. S. District Judge HAROLD J. COX for a hearing, at which time the Defendants entered pleas of not guilty.

Judge COX ruled the Defendants could remain free on bonds of \$5,750 each. COX stated he would set the date for Defendants' trial after ruling on the motions presented to him by the defense attorneys.

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The contents of the Order to Transfer the Cause as to JAMES E. JORDAN from the Southern District of Mississippi to the Northern District of Georgia, for plea of guilty or nolo contendere is set forth as follows:

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

CRIMINAL NO. 5215

CECIL RAY PRICE,  
JAMES E. JORDAN, ET AL

O R D E R

This day this cause came on for hearing on request of the defendant, James E. Jordan, for a waiver of trial and for transfer of the said cause as to James E. Jordan from the Southern District of Mississippi to the Northern District of Georgia for a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, and it appearing unto the Court that James E. Jordan was duly arrested in the Northern District of Georgia and has consented to disposition of said cause against him in the district in which he was arrested, and the United States Attorneys for each of said districts have approved said transfer, the Court is of the opinion and finds that said cause as to James E. Jordan should be transferred in accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

It is, therefore, ordered that the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi be and she is hereby authorized to transmit by United States mail certified copies of the original papers in this proceedings as they pertain to James E. Jordan to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia at Atlanta, Georgia.

ORDERED this the 26th day of January, 1965.

/s/ Harold Cox  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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On February 24, 1965, U. S. District Judge HAROLD COX, Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson, sustained Defendants' motions to dismiss indictments charging Defendants with violation of Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code.

The opinion rendered by Judge COX is set forth below:

"UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION

"CRIMINAL NUMBER 5215

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

V.

CECIL RAY PRICE, BERNARD L. AKIN, JIMMY  
ARLEDGE, HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, TRAVIS  
MARYN BARNETTE, OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE, JAMES  
T. HARRIS, FRANK J. HERNDON, EDGAR RAY KILLEN,  
BILLY WAYNE POSEY, LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY,  
ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, JERRY MCGREW SHARPE,  
JIMMY SNOWDEN, JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND, HERMAN  
TUCKER, RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS

DEFENDANTS

"The named defendants move to dismiss this indictment for failure to state an offense against the laws of the United States. The indictment is predicated upon 18 U.S.C.A. S241. The first paragraph of the indictment states that Rainey was sheriff, Price was deputy sheriff and that Willis was a police officer, each acting at all times under "color of laws" of the State of Mississippi. The statute mentions nothing about "color of law" in the description of the crime embraced therein. The indictment charges that from January 1, 1964, to December 4, 1964, the named defendants in the Southern District of Mississippi conspired 'to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman, each a citizen of the United States, in the free exercise and enjoyment of the right and privilege secured to them by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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"not to be deprived of life or liberty without due process of law by persons acting under color of the laws of Mississippi." The third paragraph of the indictment states that it was the plan and purpose of such conspiracy that said victims would be released by said officials from the county jail and that the individual defendants would intercept said released prisoners 'and threaten, assault, shoot and kill them.' This entire offense is said to have been committed in Neshoba County, State of Mississippi, in violation of said S241.

"This statute was designed and intended solely for the protection of federally created rights, not for any right merely guaranteed by the laws of the United States. This is not a statute which makes murder a federal crime under the facts and circumstances in this case. The right of every person not to be deprived of his life or liberty without due process of law is a right that existed prior to the Federal Constitution. It is a right which is protected by state laws and is merely guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

"In United States v. Cruikshank, 92 US 588, there was an indictment under S6 of the Enforcement Act of May 31, 1870, appearing as 16 Statute At Large 141, which is similar in many respects to S241 here. The Court said: 'The third and eleventh counts are even more objectionable. They charge the intent to have been to deprive the citizens named, they being in Louisiana, "of their respective several lives and liberty of person without due process of law." This is nothing else than alleging a conspiracy to falsely imprison or murder citizens of the United States, being within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Louisiana. The rights of life and personal liberty are natural rights of man. "To secure these rights," says the Declaration of Independence, "governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." The very highest duty of the States, when they entered into the Union under the Constitution, was to protect all persons within their boundaries in the enjoyment of these "unalienable rights with which they were endowed by their Creator." Sovereignty, for this purpose, rests alone with the States. It

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"is no more the duty or within the power of the United States to punish for a conspiracy to falsely imprison or murder within a State, than it would be to punish for false imprisonment or murder itself.

'The Fourteenth Amendment prohibits a State from depriving any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; but this adds nothing to the rights of one citizen as against another. It simply furnishes an additional guaranty against any encroachment by the States upon the fundamental rights which belong to every citizen as a member of society.'

"The indictment at bar is clearly void under the holding of Williams v. United States, (5CA) 179 F.2d 644, where the Court reversed a conviction under a very similar indictment in this circuit. That opinion makes abundantly clear the infirmities which are inherent in the indictment here. That decision was rendered on January 10, 1950.

"On April 23, 1951, in United States v. Williams, 341 US 70; 71 S.Ct. 581, the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed that decision. Among other things, the Supreme Court in that case said: 'All the evidence points to the same conclusion: that S241 applies only to interference with rights which arise from the relation of the victim and the federal government, and not to interference by state officers with rights which the federal government merely guarantees from abridgment by the states. \*\*\*Nor does the defined crime have as an ingredient that the conspiracy be under color of State law. Criminal statutes should be given the meaning their language most obviously invites. Their scope should not be extended to conduct not clearly within their terms. We therefore hold that including an allegation that the defendants acted under color of State law in an indictment under S241 does not extend the protection of the section to rights which the Federal Constitution merely guarantees against abridgment by the States. Since under this

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"'interpretation of the statute the indictment must fall, the judgment of the court below is affirmed.'

"The Congress has known of that decision now for approximately fifteen years and has acquiesced therein as a proper construction of S241.

"Here we have fourteen private individuals and three officials as defendants. The defendants are not charged with the violation of any right which was conferred upon either of these victims by a federal law. It is of no consequence, therefore, in law that some of the defendants were officials and that some of them were merely private citizens in allegedly committing the offense charged. The motion, like a demurer of old, admits for the purpose of this hearing all matters and things well pled in the indictment, but contends that even so, they are not charged with an offense against the United States. The authorities cited and found upon independent research support the soundness of this position. The indictment surely states a heinous crime against the State of Mississippi, but not a crime against the United States. This is a court of limited jurisdiction. The United States has no common law. Section 241 must be and is the sole and exclusive exponent of the offense set forth in this indictment. The indictment simply does not charge either of these defendants with any offense against the laws of the United States. The motions to dismiss this indictment against the named defendants will, therefore, be sustained.

"There are several other motions presented by these defendants pursuant to a previous order of this Court, but action on such motions is unnecessary by reason of the disposition of the foregoing motions. Such other motions, therefore, may be withdrawn or will be overruled. A judgment accordingly may be presented.

"February 24, 1965

"/s/ Harold Cox  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE"

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On February 25, 1965, U. S. District Judge HAROLD COX, Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson, sustained in part and overruled in part Defendants' motions to dismiss indictments in violation of Section 242. Judge COX' opinion is set forth as follows, along with his rulings regarding other motions presented by Defendants' attorneys:

"UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION

"CRIMINAL NUMBER 5216

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

V.

CECIL RAY PRICE, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

"On January 18, 1965, the defendants were ordered to file all motions to be filed herein on or before January 25, 1965. Those motions have been filed and presented and will be presently decided.

"1. The defendants move for sixty days additional time to prepare and file motions and supporting affidavits. That motion is without merit and will be overruled.

"2. The defendants move to dismiss the indictment because of widespread adverse publicity and because they were photographed and pictured through the news media of the country as criminals. There was, indeed a great amount of sensational writing and numerous pictures of these defendants which appeared in many of the newspapers within the state and on television stations within the state and in other states. This unusual circumstance was taken into account by the Court in its supplemental charge to the grand jury who were expressly instructed to completely disregard all

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"news stories and all clamor from the outside, and to fairly and justly and honestly decide, each for himself, solely from the evidence and testimony presented to them in the grand jury room as to whether or not probable cause existed for indictment. The grand jury was admonished to vote their own honest and sincere and conscientious convictions on that question solely from the evidence and testimony before them under oath in the grand jury room. This was a very intelligent and a very fine grand jury, composed of a good cross section of citizens from the entire Southern Judicial District of Mississippi. It must be and is presumed that they did their duty in accordance with those instructions. That some others throughout the district may have formed an impression of some kind of guilt or innocence of these defendants does not show any prejudice in the mind or on the part of these grand jurors in performing their official duties here. That motion is without merit and will be overruled.

"3. The defendants (except Jordan) move to dismiss the indictment for failure to state an offense against, or a violation of any laws of the United States. The indictment is in four counts. The first count is for the conspiracy under 18 U.S.C.A. S371 to violate 18 U.S.C.A. S242. Six overt acts in furtherance of such conspiracy are stated. The second, third and fourth counts charge all of the defendants with a violation of 18 U.S.C.A. S242. Lawrence Andrew Rainey was sheriff, Cecil Ray Price was deputy sheriff and Richard Andrew Willis was a police officer of the municipality at all material times. The other defendants were at all times private individuals and so acting. Surely, Section 242 was a valid law of the United States at such time. The indictment states and the motion for its purpose admits that two or more of them conspired to violate this law of the United States on this occasion. It is immaterial to the conspiracy that these private individuals were not acting under color of law at such time so as to be vulnerable to S242. They are not charged with having violated S242 but are charged with having conspired to violate

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"said act. That is a crime against the United States under S371. The second, third and fourth counts charge that the official defendants willfully did things that denied and deprived their alleged victims of federally created rights. It is charged that the individual defendants like wise participated in the offenses charged in the second, third and fourth counts of the indictment, but it is not charged as an ultimate fact that they (or either of them) did anything as an official under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom as S242 provides and as a violation thereof would require. The indictment states that three of the defendants were acting as officers in all that they did, but then does not state or indicate that any of the other individual defendants were officers in fact, or defacto in anything allegedly done by them 'under color of law.'

"It is accordingly the view of this Court that the first count of this indictment is valid against all defendants before the Court; that the second count is valid against Rainey, Price and Willis but not against the other defendants; that the third count is valid against Rainey, Price and Willis but not against the other defendants; and that the fourth count is valid against defendants Rainey, Price and Willis but not the other defendants upon the authorities presently cited.

"In Williams v. United States, (5CA) 179 F.2d 656, a private detective was indicted and convicted under S242 for applying third degree methods to a victim while investigating a theft from a private concern. A city policeman was present at the scene of the offense and lent color of law to the event. The detective held a card from the Director of Public Safety showing his appointment as a special police officer of the municipality. A section of the charter of the city provided that no person should be appointed a special police or

"detective, except under the direction of the Chief of Police for a specified time. There was substantial evidence that Williams impersonated an officer and acted under color of law. He was found guilty of the charge by a jury and his conviction was affirmed. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States where it was affirmed. The Supreme Court on appeal in Williams v. United States, 341 US 97; 71 S.Ct. 576, observed that the indictment charged that petitioner acting under color of law used force to make each victim confess to his guilt and implicate others and that the victims were denied the right to be tried by due process of law and if found guilty to be sentenced and punished in accordance with the laws of that state. The Court quoted from Count 2 of the indictment which charged violation of the Fourteenth Amendment rights as follows: 'The right and privilege not to be deprived of liberty without due process of law, the right and privilege to be secure in his person while in the custody of the State of Florida, the right and privilege not to be subjected to punishment without due process of law, the right and privilege to be immune while in the custody of persons acting under color of the laws of the State of Florida, from illegal assault and battery by any person exercising the authority of said state, and the right and privilege to be tried by due process of law and if found guilty to be sentenced and punished in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.' The trial judge admonished the jury that the defendants were 'not here on trial for a violation of any law of the State of Florida for assault' nor 'for assault under any laws of the United States.' The Supreme Court thus affirmed said conviction and approved such application and use of S242 to those facts and circumstances. It is thus made crystal clear that the defendants in this case who were officers and were allegedly acting willfully under color of law as charged in the indictment are vulnerable to the offense charged in S242. To same effect is United States v. Jones, (5CA) 207 F.2d 785. Likewise in Koebler v. United States, (5CA) 189 F.2d 711, the Court affirmed a conviction of a constable and his co-worker who violated S242 by the violating of federal rights of a victim under color of law. In that case Ackerman was not a mere private

citizen but was a deputy or assistant on duty in all that was done in violation of S242. The motion to dismiss thus admits all things well pled in the indictment and results in the inescapable conclusion that the county and city officials who are defendants are legally charged with a violation of S242 in this indictment.

In Brown v. United States, (6CA) 204 F.2d 247, Brown was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. S371. The appellant was charged with violation of S242 but such charges against him were dismissed by the Court because he was a private individual and not an officer acting under color of law as in Commonwealth of Virginia v. Rives, 100 US 313; United States v. Cruikshanks, 92 US 542; Screws v. United States, 325 US 110, 65 S.Ct. 1039. The Court said:

'The district court dismissed the substantive counts which charged appellant with violating S242 but submitted the conspiracy count to the jury. This action was clearly correct. \*\*\*The fact that appellant was a private citizen and legally incapable of violating S242 does not render him immune from a charge of violating 18 U.S.C. S371 by engaging in an agreement with a law enforcement officer acting under color of state law to violate 18 U.S.C. S242. United States v. Holte, 236 US 140; 35 S.Ct. 271, 59 L.Ed. 504. As declared in Chadwick v. United States, 6 Cir., 141 F. 225, at page 237, opinion by Judge Lurton: "It is sufficient if any one of the parties to a conspiracy is legally capable of committing the offense, although the other parties may not have been." As was stated in United States v. Trierweiler, D.C., 52 F.Supp. 4, at page 7:

"It is immaterial that they themselves may not have had the capacity to violate the statute for they became liable criminally if they conspired to violate that statute and if one or more of their fellow conspirators had the

"capacity to commit the substantive offense."  
Barron v. United States, 1 Cir., 5 F.2d 799,  
801, 802; Haggerty v. United States, 7 Cir.,  
5 F.2d 224, 225; Kaufman v. United States,  
2 Cir., 212 F. 613, 618.

In accord with this conclusion are Koehler v. United States, 5 Cir., 189 F.2d 711; Apodaca v. United States, 10 Cir., 188 F.2d 932.'

"As the Court said in United States v. Rabinowich, 238 US 78; 35 S.Ct. 682: 'That a conspiracy to commit a crime is a different offense from the crime that is the object of the conspiracy. Callan v. Wilson, 127 US 540; 8 S.Ct. 1301.' The Court further said: 'A person may be guilty of conspiring, although incapable of committing the objective offense.'

"It is accordingly the view of the Court that the first count of this indictment is valid against all defendants; that as to the remaining counts in the indictment, all of them are valid against the official defendants, but invalid against the private individual defendants therein. The motion to dismiss the indictment will thus be sustained in part and overruled in part as indicated.

"4. Burrage moves and Price, Akin, Killen, Posey, Rainey, Roberts, Sharpe, Townsend, Tucker and Willis join him in requesting under Criminal Rule 41(e) that the search under the warrant be adjudged unlawful, and that the property taken be adjudged to have been illegally seized without warrant, or that the warrant be adjudged insufficient on its face, or that the property seized is not described in the warrant, or that there was no probable cause for the issuance of the warrant or that the warrant was illegally executed. Evidence was adduced before the Court on this motion. The contentions and the evidence somewhat overran the bounds of the motion. Some nebulous testimony before the Court was to the effect that government agents with permission had been on open land searching for some clue to the whereabouts of three human bodies. No search was made of any improvements on the 'Jolly lands' now belonging to Burrage. No case of an unreasonable search or seizure is shown. Much 1004

"of the description in the affidavit and warrant is void but the description of the premises known as the 'Old Jolly Farm' under control of Olen Burrage in the north half of Neshoba County in the Southern District of Mississippi is sufficient for all purposes. The objects of the search were sufficiently stated. The affidavit of an FBI agent sufficiently set forth grounds for probable cause which were effectually adjudicated to exist by the issuance of the subsequent warrant. Hester v. United States, 265 U.S. 57; 44 S.Ct. 445. Monnette v. United States, (5CA) 299 F.2d 847. The search warrant described the premises to be searched as the 'Old Jolly Farm' under control of Olen Burrage. This place consisted of two hundred fifty acres. It had formerly been owned by Jolly and was the only place of such kind in the county under control of Burrage. The description of the premises to be searched was sufficiently clear to enable an officer with reasonable effort to ascertain and identify the place to be searched. That is the rule and the test. The warrant clearly stated that the search was for the bodies of the three identified victims. This warrant was served at 8:12 A.M., August 4, 1964, according to FBI agents' testimony supported by memoranda made at the same moment as an official record. The Court believes from the evidence that the government agents acted with full authority under this warrant in doing all that was done on said date toward searching for and discovering these bodies. This evidence was not illegally obtained and the process therefor was valid. This motion to suppress is without merit and will be overruled.

"5. The defendants move for a production of evidence under Criminal Rule 16. The two motions seek material to which they are not entitled under this rule. The motion does not bring the request within the ambit of the rule. The motions will be overruled.

"6. The defendants seek a bill of particulars under Criminal Rule 7(f). An indictment is required by Criminal Rule 7(c) to contain 'a plain, concise and definite

"written statement of the essential facts constituting the offense charged." It is not necessary to allege with technical precision all of the elements essential to the commission of the offense which is the object of the conspiracy. In Wong Tai v. United States, 47 S.Ct. 300, it is said: 'In charging such a conspiracy certainty, to a common intent, sufficient to identify the offense which the defendants conspired to commit, it is all that is necessary.' There the defendants sought as here to discover the government's evidence to which the Court said that the defendants were not entitled. A defendant in a criminal case may not resort to a motion for a bill of particulars as a discovery device. In Van Hise v. United States, 321 F.2d 664, the Court in this circuit said that it is not the office of a bill of particulars to ascertain what offense is charged. In Johnson v. United States, 207 F.2d 314, the Court in this circuit said: 'The government should not be compelled by a bill of particulars to give a detailed disclosure of its evidence, as would have been required by compliance with the motion.' The indictment here contains a sufficiently definite written statement of the offense to enable the defendants to properly and fairly present their defense thereto. It is likewise sufficiently definite and clear to forestall any possibility of double jeopardy. The motion is without merit and will be overruled.

"7. Numerous motions are presented by the defendants for severance under Criminal Rule 14. Criminal Rule 8 authorizes the joinder of offenses and of defendants under stated circumstances. Criminal Rule 14 vests the Court with a sound judicial discretion to grant such relief as may be necessary in any case to assure a fair trial for each defendant. Opper v. United States, 75 S.Ct. 158. Nothing has been presented to the Court to convince it that a severance of any other defendants, other than Horace Doyle Barnette who has already been severed from this proceeding, is necessary in this case. But under the circumstances it would appear to be fair and just that all of the defendants be first tried under the first count of this indictment in

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Case No. 5216, and that the trial of the official defendants under Count 2, Count 3 and Count 4 should be next tried. The motion will thus be sustained in part and overruled in part as indicated.

"8. The defendants by separate motions request a trial by jury. Those motions will be sustained.

"A judgment disposing of said motions as indicated may be presented for entry.

"February 25, 1965

"/s/ Harold Cox  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE"

II. COMPENDIUM CONCERNING RICHARD  
ANDREW WILLIS, PATROLMAN,  
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI,  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS

RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS, [REDACTED]-old white male, is currently employed as a police officer on the Philadelphia, Mississippi, Police Department. b7C

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Since his tenure on the Philadelphia, Mississippi, Police Department, WILLIS has been the subject of numerous Civil Rights complaints, one complaint which resulted in an indictment by a Federal Grand Jury which convened in September and October, 1964, at Biloxi, Mississippi.

As a result of this indictment, WILLIS was arrested on October 3, 1964, for violation of Title 18, Sections 242 and 371, United States Code, and was taken before the United States Commissioner at Meridian, Mississippi, who released him on \$1,000 bond. WILLIS advised at the time of his arrest that he did not wish to make any statement.

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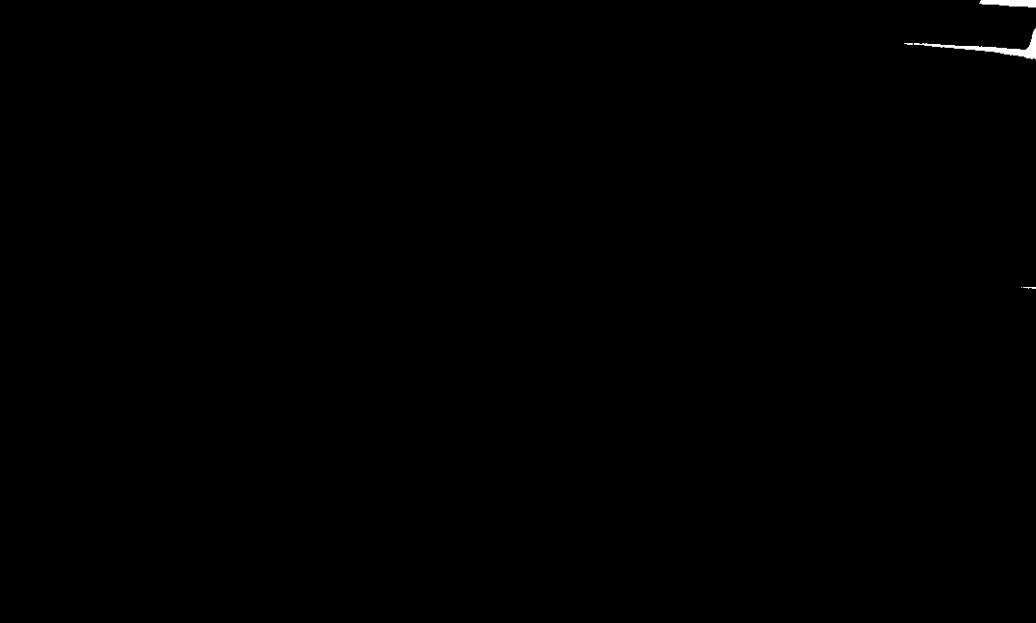
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III. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND INTERVIEWS  
WITH JAMES EDWARD JORDAN

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date January 22, 1965

JAMES E. JORDAN conferred in the Atlanta Office of the FBI with Departmental Attorney D. ROBERT OWENS, Chief, Southwestern Region, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, U. S. Attorney CHARLES L. GOODSON, Northern District of Georgia, and ALLEN L. CHANCEY, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Northern District of Georgia. JORDAN was advised at the outset by Mr. OWENS of his right to counsel, that he was not required to make a statement, and that any statement he made may be used against him. No threats or promises were issued to Mr. JORDAN. Mr. OWENS explained that the purpose of the conference was to determine whether or not JORDAN desired to sign a consent to plead guilty or nolo contendere and transfer his case under Rule 20, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, from the Southern District of Mississippi to the Northern District of Georgia and, if so, whether or not he desired counsel prior to making this decision. The provisions of Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure were fully explained to JORDAN by Mr. OWENS.

Mr. JORDAN stated that he did not desire counsel and that he desired to sign a consent to transfer his case for plea and sentence under Rule 20 from the Southern District of Mississippi to the Northern District of Georgia. Mr. JORDAN then signed the Consent to Transfer Case for Plea and Sentence.

On 1/22/65 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-1633  
SA's [REDACTED] and b7C Jackson 44-1  
by [REDACTED] Date dictated 1/22/65

Date December 24, 1964

JAMES E. JORDAN was interviewed [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 30, 1964

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JAMES EDWARD JORDAN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was recontacted and interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. JORDAN had previously been interviewed and was aware of the identities of SAs [REDACTED].

JORDAN was again advised that he did not have to make any statements and that any statements he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had a right to consult with an attorney before making any statement. No promises of immunity from arrest or prosecution were made to JORDAN. SA [REDACTED] informed JORDAN of the above information. JORDAN advised that he was not presently represented by counsel and did not desire to consult with counsel prior to the interview.

JORDAN's entire signed statement of November 5, 1964, was gone over with him at which time he again stated that information furnished by him in the signed statement was accurate and truthful to the best of his knowledge.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JORDAN again stated that he was not physically present when the victims SCHWERNER, GOODMAN, and CHANEY were shot on the gravel road off Highway 19, claiming that he was on foot on Highway 19 at the time of the shootings.

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On 12/28/64 at [REDACTED] File # JN 44-1  
AT 44-1633  
by SAs [REDACTED] and b7C Date dictated 12/29/64 1010  
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He estimated the distance to be possibly 200 yards or less, again claiming that he was within hearing distance of the shootings as well as being able to hear sounds of the car motors.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date January 15, 1965

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JAMES E. JORDAN was interviewed [REDACTED] at which time he was made aware of the identity of the interviewing agent. JORDAN was advised that he did not have to furnish any information and any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to JORDAN to get him to furnish any information and he was advised that he had a right to an attorney of his own choice before making any statement.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 1-9-65 at [REDACTED] File # Jackson 44-1

by Special Agent [REDACTED] Date dictated 1-14-65

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Date January 15, 19651

JAMES EDWARD JORDAN was contacted in the Jury Room, U.S. Post Office Building, Jackson, Mississippi. He was advised by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the identity of Inspector [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] both of the FBI. JORDAN was advised that he did not have to furnish any information and any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to JORDAN to get him to furnish any information and he was advised that he had a right to an attorney of his own choice before making any statement. *b7c*

[REDACTED]

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On 1-11-65 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-1  
by Inspector [REDACTED] and SAs [REDACTED] *b7c* Date dictated 1-15-65 *1020*  
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IV. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING  
HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/15/64

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE was contacted at 11:30 AM,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was advised by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the identity of Special Agent [REDACTED] whom he did not know, and was advised by Special Agent [REDACTED] that he did not have to talk to FBI Agents, that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law, and that he could see his attorney before making any statement.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 12/10/64 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227  
by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ap b7C 53 Date dictated 12/10/64

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 1/15/65

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, [REDACTED] furnished the following information after advising he knows the identity of interviewing Agent and being advised he does not have to make a statement, any statement he does make can be used against him in a court of law, and he can see a lawyer before making any statement:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 1/6/65 at [REDACTED] File # NO 44-2227 58-  
by SA [REDACTED] b7c 100 Date dictated 1/6/65

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 1-12-65

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HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE was interviewed in a witness room at the Federal Building, Jackson, Mississippi. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 1-11-65 at Jackson, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA [redacted] / pag *b7C* Date dictated 1-12-65

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"/s/

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"Witness:

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Special Agent,  
FBI, Jackson, Miss."

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 1-14-65

[REDACTED], Deputy U. S. Marshal, Southern District of Mississippi, voluntarily furnished the following signed statement to [REDACTED] who identified himself to [REDACTED] as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation: b7C

"January 11, 1965  
Jackson, Miss.

"I, [REDACTED], Deputy US Marshal, Southern Dist. of Miss., Jackson, Miss., make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI. b7C

"While on duty at Jackson, Mississippi, at about 2:30 PM on Jan. 11, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PARNETTE made  
some comments [REDACTED]

On 1-11-65 at Jackson, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] WR VC Date dictated 1-13-65 1030

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[REDACTED]

"/s/

[REDACTED]

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"Witness:

/s/

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent, FBI  
Jackson, Miss."

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Date 2/8/65

HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE, [REDACTED] was interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BARNETTE furnished the following information after being advised he did not have to make a statement, anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law, and he could see his attorney before saying anything:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 2/2/65 at [REDACTED] File # 44-2227

by SA [REDACTED] /gml b7C Date dictated 2/3/65

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Date November 13, 1964

[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED], BARNETTE drove a blue and white Ford, believed to have been about a 1957 or 1958 model, with Louisiana tags. It could not be recalled as to specifically which part of the car was white and which was blue but it was definitely recalled the car was blue and white. The car body was of a sedan type.

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On 11/11/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1371  
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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] amh <sup>b7C</sup> 69 Date dictated 11/12/64 1036

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V. INFORMATION CONCERNING JIMMY (NMN) ARLEDGE,  
DEFENDANT IN THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF  
THE THREE CIVIL RIGHTS VICTIMS.

JN 157-1369

JN 157-343

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On November 13, 1964, the files of the County Clerk's Office were reviewed and on Page 215, Volume 83 of the Marriage Records for Lauderdale County, it was determined that JIMMY ARLEDGE and MARY JANE JORDAN were issued a marriage license and were married August 10, 1961, in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. JIMMY ARLEDGE was described as a white male, born March 1, 1937, at Union, Mississippi. His residence address was shown as Route 2, Little Rock, Mississippi. His occupation was given as Door Department, Acme Building Supply Company; his father and mother were identified as MACK and LESLIE ARLEDGE.

The 1964 edition of the Meridian, Mississippi, City Directory, reflects that JIMMY ARLEDGE, wife MARY JANE ARLEDGE, residence 2718 Valley Street, Meridian, Mississippi, was employed as a driver for the Magnolia Steel Company.

The 1962 Meridian, Mississippi City Directory lists JIMMY ARLEDGE, identifying him as a stock clerk for the Meridian Cigar and Tobacco Company.

[REDACTED]

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On November 17, 1964, and again on November 18, 1964, spot checks were conducted at the residence of JIMMY ARLEDGE and at the Magnolia Steel Company, his place of employment. The automobile belonging to ARLEDGE, a 1962 white Corvair, two-door sedan, bearing 1965 Mississippi license 51B687, was observed on both days at the Magnolia Steel Company. On the evening of November 18, 1964, this car was also observed in front of the residence at 2718 Valley Street, Meridian, Mississippi.

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Date December 15, 19641

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the following information:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has never seen ARLENE  
[REDACTED] with a revolver [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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On 12/15/64 at Norfolk, Mississippi File # JV 44-1

by [REDACTED] <sup>b7C</sup> Date dictated 12/15/64

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VI. INFORMATION CONCERNING BERNARD L. AKIN,  
DEFENDANT IN THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER  
OF THE THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS

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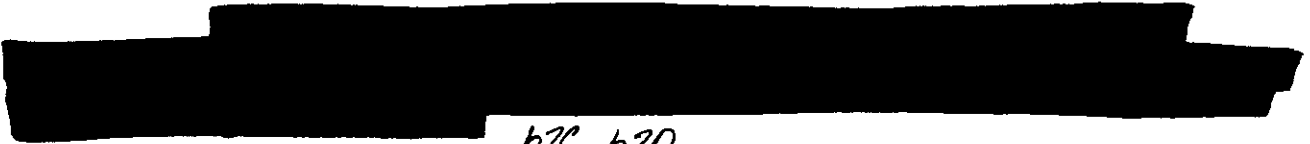
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Date January 5, 1965

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Meridian, Mississippi.  
He was advised prior to the interview by SA [REDACTED]  
that he did not have to furnish any information to the FBI and  
that any information furnished by him could be used against  
him in a court of law. He was advised that he had a right to  
counsel before furnishing any information and that no threats,  
promises or duress would be made to induce him to make any  
statement whatsoever.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 1/2/65 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1104  
JN 157-343  
JN 44-1 *all b7C b7D*  
by SA [REDACTED] *b7C* /amh Date dictated 1/2/64

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VII. INFORMATION CONCERNING OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE,  
A DEFENDANT IN THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER  
OF THE THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS

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Date January 9, 1965

Photographs were taken of OLEN BURRAGE's place of business directly across the road from his residence at Route 9, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Two black and white photographs were taken by SA [REDACTED] with a Speed Graphic Camera. b7C

Two black and white photographs were taken by SA [REDACTED] with a Polaroid camera. b7C

On 1-8-65 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-1

by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7C  
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LEN BURRAGE'S garage, looking south



OLEN BUTRACK'S garage, looking north

VIII. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN AN ATTEMPT  
TO IDENTIFY HERMAN TUCKER'S AUTOMOBILE

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Date January 13, 19651

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Tag Division, Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, State Office Building, Jackson, Mississippi, made records available which reflected the following information:

A receipt for Passenger Road and Bridge Privilege Tax, State of Mississippi, County of Neshoba, reflected that 1965 Mississippi Tag Number ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ (Neshoba County) was issued to ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Neshoba, Mississippi, on October 26, 1964, at Philadelphia, Mississippi, on a 1955 Chevrolet, four door, eight cylinder, Bel Air, Serial Number VC55J056553. The receipt indicated that the car was acquired from Steel Auto Sale, Philadelphia, Mississippi, on October 20, 1964. The Dealer's Report for October, 1964, from Steel Auto Sales, West Beacon Street, Philadelphia, Mississippi, indicated that a 1955 Chevrolet, Serial Number VC55J056553, was received from ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Philadelphia, Mississippi. The vehicle was sold to ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Philadelphia, Mississippi, in October, 1964.

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On 1-11-65 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-1

by SA ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ *b7c* /kg 89 Date dictated 1-11-65 *1052*

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Date January 13, 19651

[REDACTED] Tag Division, Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, State Office Building, Jackson, Mississippi, made records available which reflected the following information:

The Tax Collector's Report of Motor Vehicles Registered and Ad Valorem Taxes Collected in Neshoba County, Mississippi, for the month of June, 1964, reflected that 1964 Mississippi Tag 50-4802 (Neshoba County), was purchased on June 23, 1964, by HERMAN TUCKER, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, for a 1955 Chevrolet, motor or serial number C55J180514.

The receipt for Passenger Road and Bridge Privilege Tax, State of Mississippi, County of Neshoba, reflected that 1964 tag number 50-4802 (Neshoba County), was issued to HERMAN TUCKER, [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Mississippi, on a 1955 Chevrolet, two-door sedan, Motor Number C55J180514, on June 23, 1964. The receipt indicated that the vehicle was acquired from Jordan Auto, Philadelphia, June 23, 1964. The total tax paid was \$8.09. No record of a 1963 tag was noted on the receipt.

Dealer's Sales Records for Jordan Auto Sales, Philadelphia, Mississippi, Permit Number 757, did not reflect the sale of a 1955 Chevrolet, as described above, to HERMAN TUCKER.

No other record could be located identifiable with the above vehicle to identify the owner prior to Jordan Auto Sales. No 1963 registration could be located by Serial Number C55J180514.

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owned a 1955 Chevrolet, white over green four door Belair, serial number VC55J056553, Mississippi license

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On 1-11-65 at Philadelphia, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SAS [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup>dictated 1-15-65

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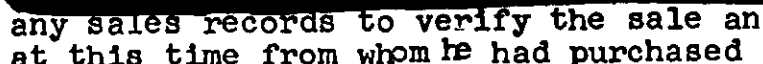
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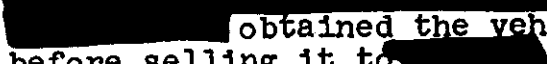

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 a 1955 Chevrolet, white over green, 

 could not locate any sales records to verify the sale and could not recall at this time from whom he had purchased the 1955 Chevrolet.

  
 obtained the vehicle through repossession just before selling it to  and that he had certificate of sale papers showing when he originally obtained the vehicle.

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On 1-11-65 at Neshoba County, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

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[REDACTED] originally purchased a 1955 Chevrolet four-door sedan, white over green, serial number VC55J056553, from Box and Wilbanks Motor Company, Ripley, Mississippi.

[REDACTED] and produced a bill of sale, number [REDACTED] showing sales price of \$275 to verify this purchase.

[REDACTED] produced records to show that on May 30, 1964, he sold instant vehicle to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had to repossess instant vehicle sometime in October, [REDACTED]

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IX. INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted] b7C

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Interviews [redacted] in an attempt to obtain his knowledge of the abduction and murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County June 21, 1964, are set forth in this section. b7C

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date January 11, 19651

[REDACTED] Meridian, Mississippi, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and Special Agent [REDACTED] advised him that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had a right to consult an attorney before making any statement. No threats or promises were made to him.

[REDACTED] questioned concerning any knowledge he might have of the killings of the three civil rights workers, [REDACTED] knew nothing except what he had read in the newspapers.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] insisted he had nothing to discuss as he had no knowledge of the civil rights murders other than what he had read in the newspapers.

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Date January 11, 19651

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had no knowledge of anything in which they might be interested.

[REDACTED]

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Date January 15, 19651

[REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] again reminded [REDACTED] he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement. No threats or promises were made to him.

[REDACTED] still had nothing to say as he did not know anything about the killing of the three civil rights workers.

[REDACTED] still insisted he could not tell something he did not know and continued to insist he had not been told anything about the civil rights murders and had nothing to say as he did not know anything.

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Date January 16, 19651-

[REDACTED] Meridian, was again advised by Special Agent [REDACTED] that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement. No threats or promises were made to him.

[REDACTED] had nothing to say as he knew nothing concerning the killing of the three civil rights workers, other than what he had read in the newspapers. He said everyone on the streets of Meridian knew as much about this matter as he did, and that he had no personal knowledge of this matter which was not general information.

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X. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
NESHOBIA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AREA, WHERE THREE  
CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS WERE ABDUCTED AND MURDERED

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The following individuals were contacted with the possibility that JAMES JORDAN, ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS or JERRY M. SHAPIRO may have been observed in the vicinity of Warner's Grocery Store on Grand Avenue on the evening of December 11, 1964.

[redacted] advised that the photographs of the individuals in question were not familiar to her.

[redacted] McDonald and [redacted] Grand Avenue, advised December 11, 1964, that no one employed this business is on duty at the office during the evening hours and he knew of no one who could be of assistance.

[redacted] Carmichael-Dahike 1410 Grand Avenue, advised December 11, 1964, that this company has no personnel who are on duty during the evening hours and he could be of no assistance in this regard.

[redacted] Meridian Press and Book Works, advised December 14, 1964,

[redacted] could not recall having seen ROBERTS in the neighborhood of the Warner Grocery Store recently.

An examination of the area around Warner's Grocery Store revealed that the above individuals either work at or frequent the only locations where observation of Warner's Grocery Store would appear to be possible on a regular basis. Additional inquiries at other locations in this area did not appear to be pertinent.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on December 14, 1964.

The area two blocks northwest of the Neshoba County Courthouse in Philadelphia, Mississippi was observed to contain the rear entrances of the below noted establishments:

Barham Paint and Glass Company, 213 Beacon Street  
J. D. Thomas Tile Company, 217 Beacon Street  
Philadelphia Dry Cleaners, 223 Beacon Street

These establishments were closed during the time in question on June 21-22, 1964, which was Sunday, 12:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

In addition to the above were numerous residential structures. The below noted individuals were questioned to reveal any information pertinent to this investigation.

[redacted]

This area also borders on the grounds of the Philadelphia High School, [redacted] Philadelphia School, and [redacted] Schools. Philadelphia, Mississippi, were contacted and advised that on June 21 and 22, 1964, there were no activities at the schools and all buildings were locked up. b7C, b7D

It was further observed that from this general area, it being in a topographical depression, it is not possible to observe highways numbered 15, 19, or 21 extending north out of Philadelphia.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 14, 1964

[redacted] was interviewed concerning the abduction and murder of the three civil rights workers on June 21, 1964.

[redacted] during the entire evening of June 21, 1964.

[redacted] could not recall any suspicious activity on June 21, 1964. [redacted] did not recall seeing any traffic being stopped by any police officers or any other vehicle.

[redacted] should he gain knowledge of any information concerning the abduction and murder of the three civil rights workers, he would immediately furnish same to the FBI.

[redacted] had heard many rumors concerning a Klan organization in Neshoba County; however, he personally knew no one who belonged to such type organization. In his opinion, there definitely was a Klan organization in Neshoba County; however, he could not specifically name any individuals as members of that organization nor had he ever been approached himself to join such type organization.

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Date December 13, 19641

[redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] in her opinion, there is a Klan-type organization in Neshoba County; however, she personally knows of no one who belonged to this organization.

[redacted] spent the entire evening of June 21, 1964, in her home.

[redacted] recall any traffic being stopped by any police-type vehicle or any other type vehicle. [redacted] had no information regarding the abduction and murders of three civil rights workers on June 21, 1964; however, if she gained such knowledge, she would immediately contact the FBI.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on Sunday, late in June, 1964, which he later learned was the night that the three civil rights workers were missing at about 11 P.M. he heard what he thought were three shots [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a few minutes after he heard the shots, two cars went by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the two cars were traveling from south to north about 25 feet apart.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Date December 17, 1964

on Sunday evening, late in June, 1964. at about 10 P.M., he heard what he thought were two shots

or three cars came from the direction of the shots traveling north and went slowly by [REDACTED] the cars were traveling about 10 or 15 miles per hour and were about 25 feet apart.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Date dictated 12/17/64  
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Date December 19, 1964

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] believes he heard two shots and that a few minutes later three cars passed by [REDACTED] traveling ten to fifteen miles per hour. [REDACTED] to the best of his recollection, the night this incident took place there had been a thunder storm earlier in the evening and there had been quite a bit of thunder and lightning, but at the time the three cars passed by his house it was not raining.

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Date December 17, 1964

in late June or early July, 1964, a car drove by [redacted] the car was a creme over off red, two door Dodge. [redacted] the man driving the car held his right arm beside his face so that in effect she could not see his face.

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Date December 15, 1964

Aerial photographs were taken of the various locations where the abduction, killing, and burial of civil rights workers, RENNETT, and CHANNY. These locations are described as follows:

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Location

Looking Easterly down side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19 and House, Mississippi, showing bridge at lower end.

Looking Westerly down side road leading away from Mississippi Highway 19 to Union, Mississippi.

Looking Easterly down side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19 and House, Mississippi, showing bridge.

Looking South across side road and at bridge. Left leads to Mississippi Highway, right leads to Union, Mississippi.

Looking Easterly down side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19 and House, Mississippi, showing bridge.

Looking South at intersection of Mississippi Highway 19 and road leading to Union, Mississippi. Road to right leads to Philadelphia, Mississippi. Road to upper right leads to Union, Mississippi. Rosey's store is in the middle of the intersection.

Looking Northerly up Mississippi Highway toward Philadelphia, Mississippi, looking to left leading to Union, Mississippi, to right leading to House, Mississippi. Rosey's store is above and to left of intersection.

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Location

Looking Easterly across Mississippi Highway 19, toward House, Mississippi. Posey's store is at lower left.

Looking Southerly down Mississippi Highway 19, across road leading to Mississippi, to left and to Union, Mississippi, to right. Posey's store is in middle foreground.

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Scene of shooting. Side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19. Side of photo to which car is nearest leads to Highway 19.

Scene of shooting. Side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19. Side of photo to which car is nearest leads to Highway 19.

Looking Easterly up side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19, near Philadelphia, Mississippi (shooting scene).

Looking Southerly down Mississippi Highway 19, South of Philadelphia, Mississippi. Road leading to shooting scene is at bottom, leading to right.

Looking Westerly across Mississippi Highway 19, South of Philadelphia, Mississippi, down side road on which shooting took place.

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Looking Northerly up Mississippi Highway 19, toward Philadelphia, Mississippi. Road leading to lower left is side road where shooting took place.

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Location

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Looking down side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19, South of Philadelphia, Mississippi, where shooting took place.

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Looking up side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19. To left on Highway 19 leads to Philadelphia, Mississippi. (Side road is scene of shooting.)

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Looking up side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19. To left on Highway 19 leads to Philadelphia, Mississippi. (Side road is scene of shooting.)

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Looking easterly across Mississippi Highway 19, showing Standard Service Station, just South of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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Looking southerly down Mississippi Highway 19, showing Standard Service Station, just outside and South of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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Looking westerly across Mississippi Highway 19, showing Standard Service Station, just south of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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Looking northerly up Mississippi Highway 19, at Standard Service Station in foreground and Philadelphia, Mississippi, in distance.

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Looking easterly up Mississippi Highway 19 at Standard Service Station in foreground and Philadelphia, Mississippi in distance.

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Location

Looking Northerly on Mississippi River  
towards Standard Oil Service Station  
middle and Philadelphia, Mississippi  
distance.

Looking Southerly on Mississippi River  
toward Standard Oil Service Station  
left side of highway, and looking  
from Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Dam on OLEN BURRAGE farm near Philadelphia,  
Mississippi, looking Westerly.

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Dam on OLEN BURRAGE farm near Philadelphia,  
Mississippi, looking Easterly.

Dam on OLEN BURRAGE farm near Philadelphia,  
Mississippi, looking Easterly.

Dam on OLEN BURRAGE farm near Philadelphia,  
Mississippi, looking Southerly.

Dam on OLEN BURRAGE farm near Philadelphia,  
looking Westerly.

Dam on OLEN BURRAGE farm near Philadelphia,  
Mississippi, looking Northerly.

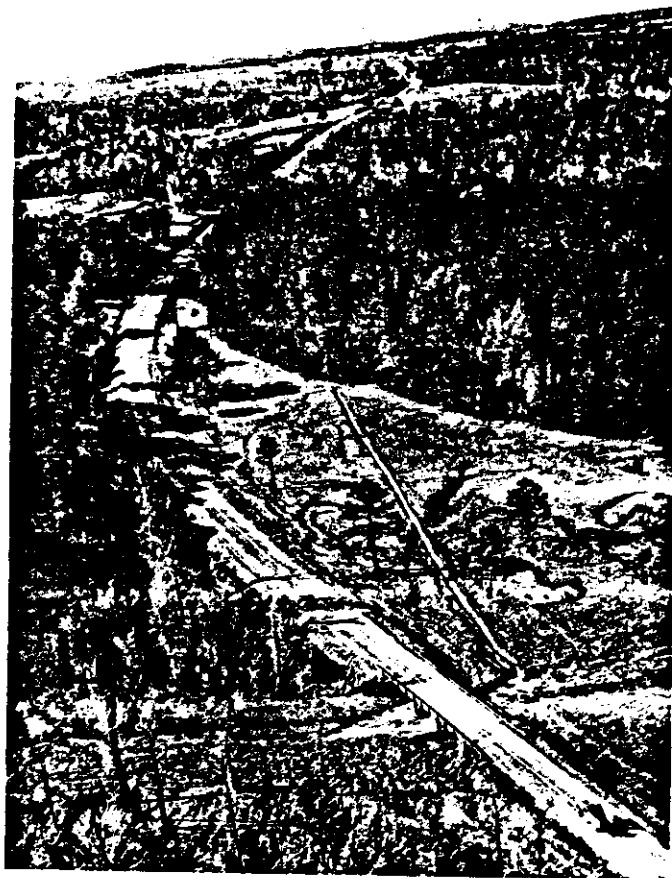
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Mississippi, looking Easterly.

Dam on OLEN BURRAGE farm near Philadelphia,  
Mississippi, looking Easterly,  
slightly to right of center.

Dam on OLEN BURRAGE farm near Philadelphia,  
Mississippi, looking Easterly, and South.  
Dam is slightly to right of center.

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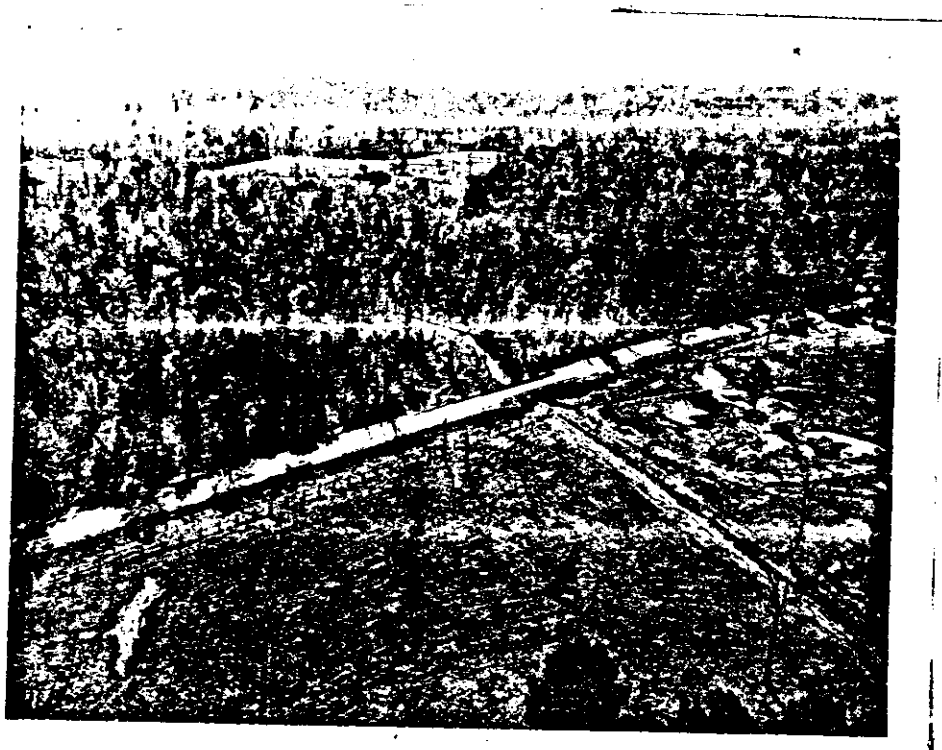
Dam on OLEN BURRAGE farm near Philadelphia,  
Mississippi, looking Northerly. Road  
at bottom leads to Philadelphia.  
Dam is to lower left of center.



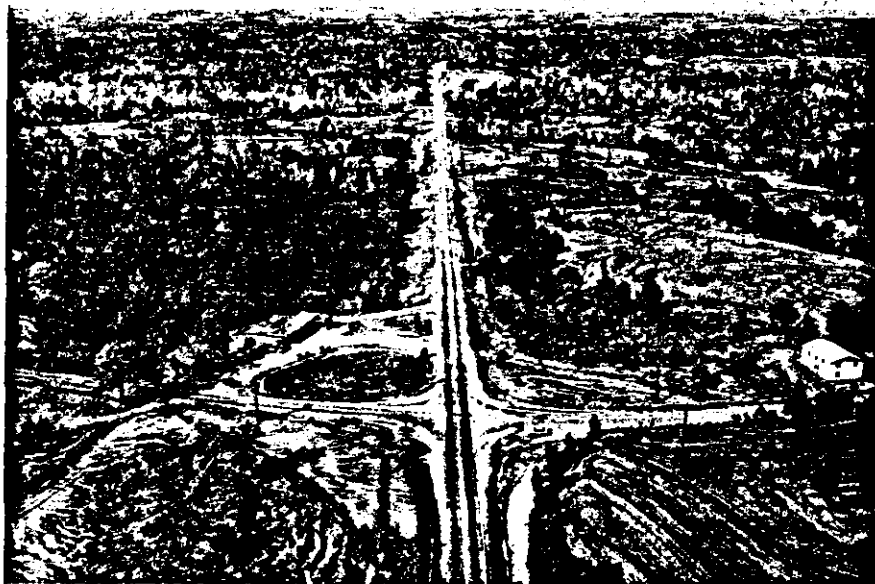
1.2. Looking Westerly down side road leading away from Mississippi Highway 19 and towards Union, Mississippi.



1-3. Looking Easterly down side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19 and House, Mississippi, showing bridge.



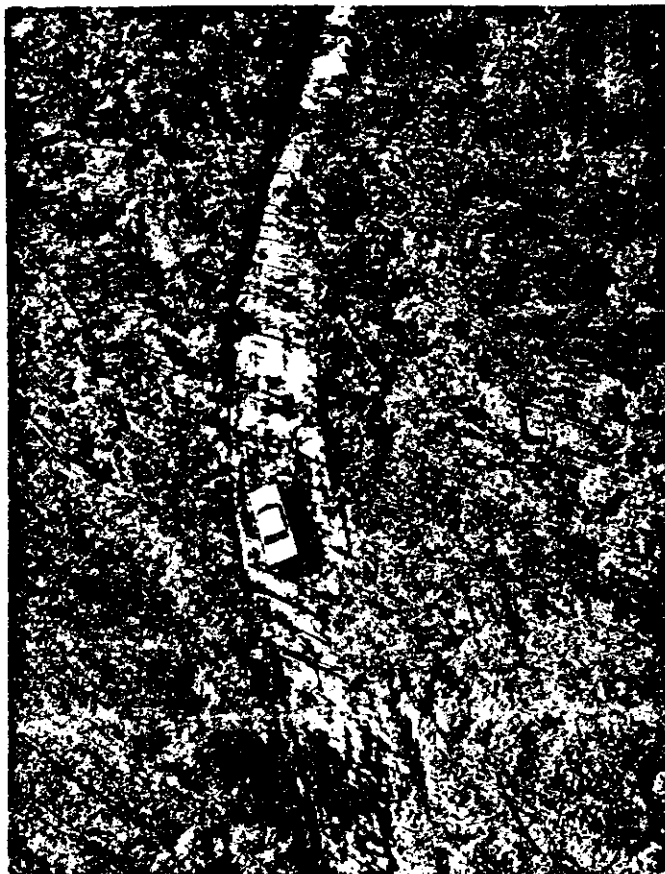
1-4. Looking South across side road and at bridge. To left leads to Mississippi Highway 19. To right leads to Union, Mississippi.



- 1-7. Looking Northerly up Mississippi Highway 19 towards Philadelphia Mississippi, across road to left leading to Union, Mississippi and to right leading to House, Mississippi. Posey's store is above and to left of intersection.

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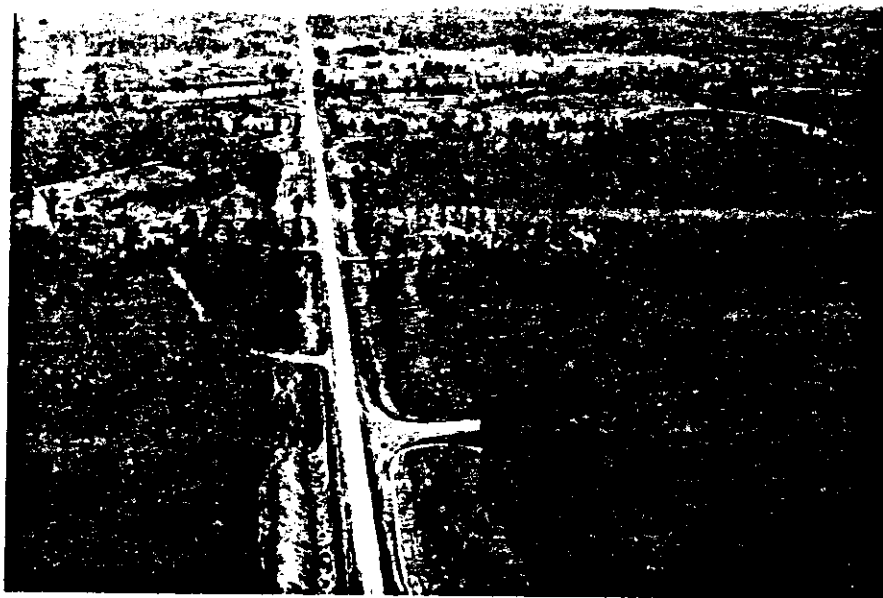
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1-12. Side road, leading to Mississippi Highway 19 at bottom.  
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2-2. Looking Southerly down Mississippi Highway 19, South of Philadelphia, Mississippi. Side road leading to shooting scene is in foreground, leading to right.

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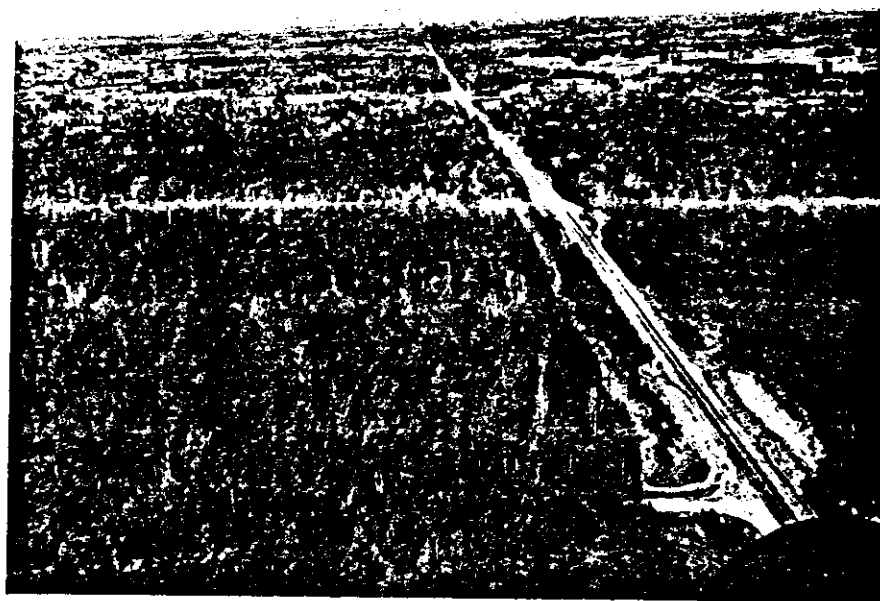
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2-3. Looking Westerly across Mississippi Highway 19, South of Philadelphia, Mississippi, down side road on which shooting took place.

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2-4. Looking Northerly up Mississippi Highway 19, towards Philadelphia, Mississippi. Road leading to lower left is side road where shooting took place.

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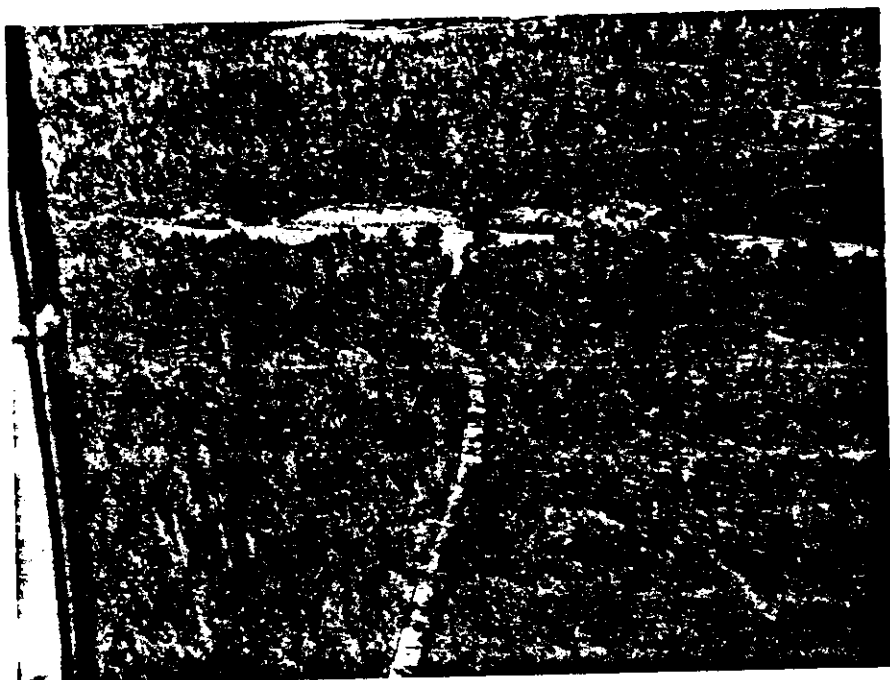
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2-5. Side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19 (at left), South of Philadelphia, Mississippi, where shooting took place, as marked by parked car.

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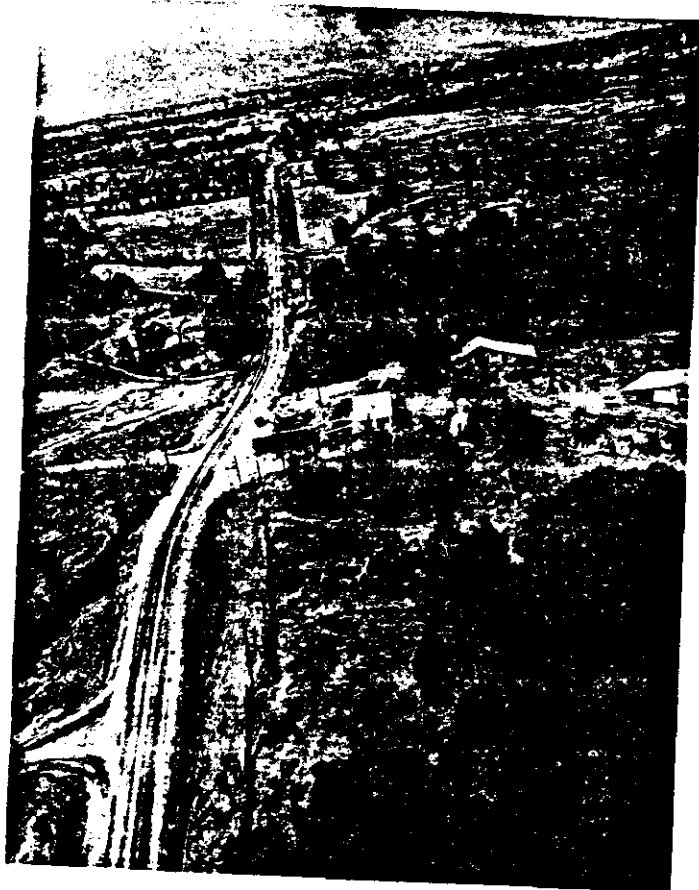
2-6. Looking up side road leading to Mississippi Highway 19. To left on Highway 19 leads to Philadelphia, Mississippi. (Side road is scene of shooting.)



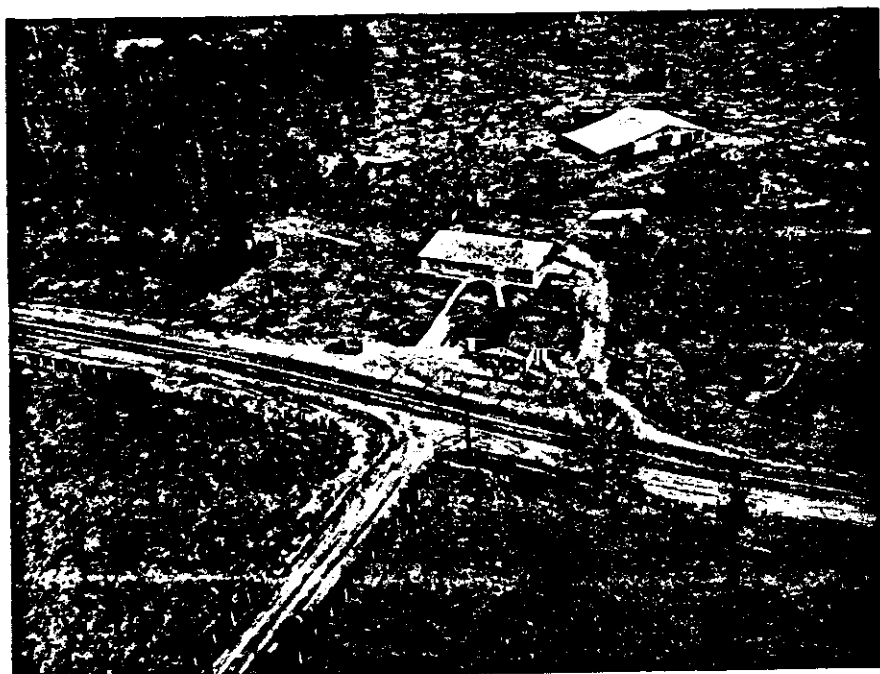
2-9. Looking Southerly down Mississippi Highway 19, showing Standard Service Station on left, just South of Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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2-11. Looking Northerly up Mississippi Highway 19, showing Standard Service Station on right in foreground and Philadelphia, Mississippi in distance.



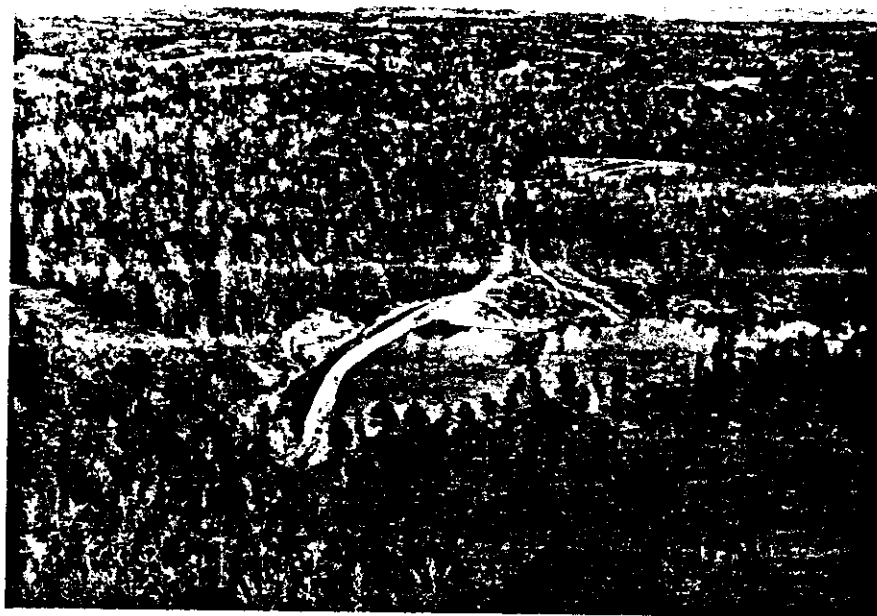
2-12. Looking Easterly across Mississippi Highway 19 at Standard Service Station. Road to left leads to Philadelphia, Mississippi.



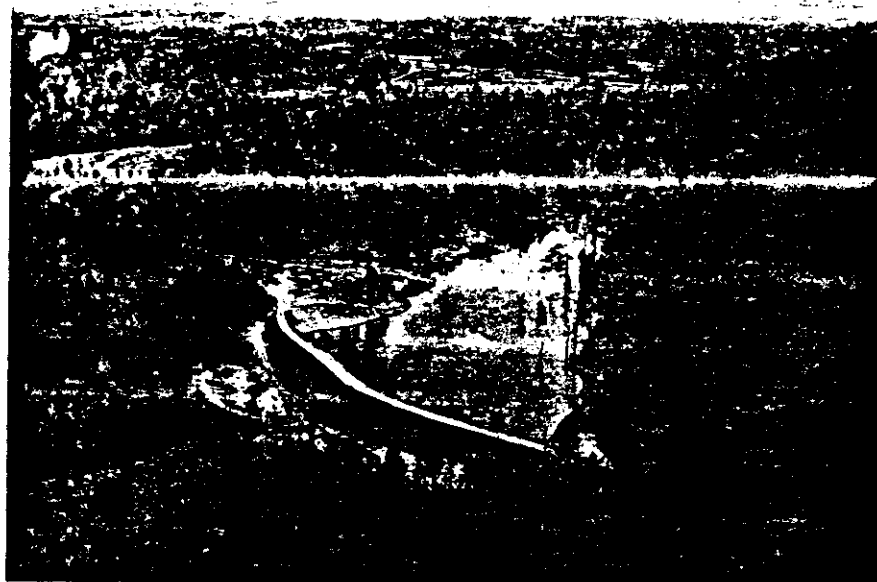
3-3. Dam on Olen Burrage farm near Philadelphia, Miss. Looking Westerly.

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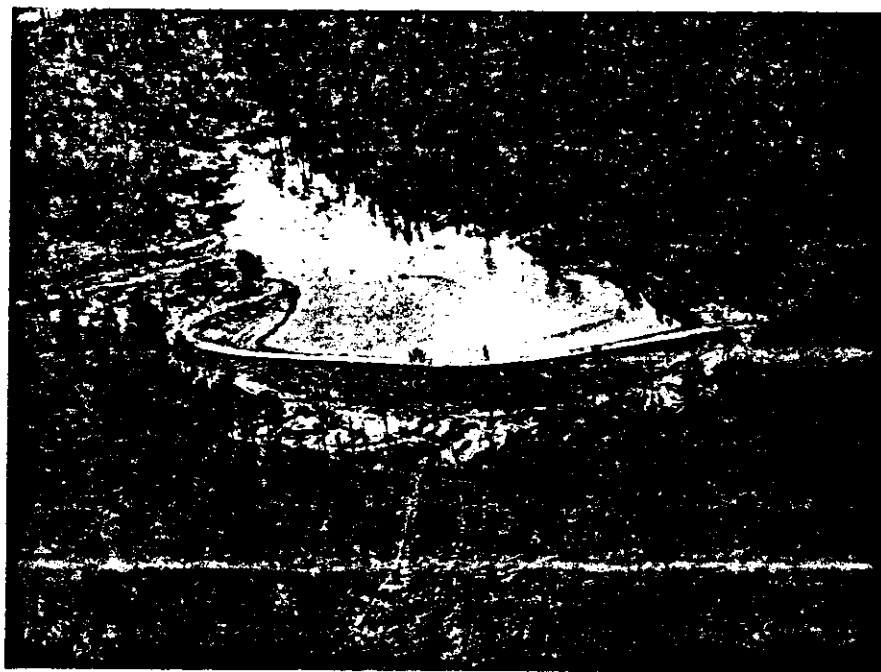
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3-4. Dam on Olen Burrage farm near Philadelphia, Mississippi.  
Looking Easterly.



3-5. Dam on Glen Burrage farm near Philadelphia, Mississippi.  
Looking Easterly.



3-6. Dam on Olen Burrage farm near Philadelphia, Mississippi.  
Looking Southerly.



3-8. Dam on Olen Burrage farm near Philadelphia, Mississippi.  
Looking Northerly.



3-9. Dam on Olen Burrage farm near Philadelphia, Mississippi.  
Looking Easterly.



3-12. Dam on Glen Burrage farm near Philadelphia, Mississippi. Looking Northerly. Road at bottom leads to Philadelphia to right. Dam is to lower left of center.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. b7D

[REDACTED] the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America. b7D

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